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## \* Hungary becomes republic

BUDAPEST, Oct 23, (Agencies): Hungary declared itself a republic today, burying four decades of com-munism and ushering in Western-style democracy on the anniversary of the 1956 uprising crushed by

"This is a prelude to a new historical age," acting head of stae Matyas Szuros said in a speech to tens of thousands of Hungarians packing Parliament Square in bright

The Hungarian Republic is going to be an independent, democratic and legal state in which the values of democracy and democratic socialism are expressed

At the words "Hungarian Republic" — "Magyar Koztar-sasag" — the crowd erupted in

In a gesture replete with symbolism, Szuros spoke from the very bal-cony of Parliament from which reformist communist Imre Nagy addressed rebels exactly 33 years ago.

"We continue to view the uninterrupted development of our ties to the Soviet Union as in our nation's interests," Szuros proclaimed. "At the same time, we also seek to improve (contacts) with the other superpower, the United States of America."

■ The United States today congratulated Hungary on proclaiming itself a republic.

This is an historic day for Hungary," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

# Military finally winning: Aquino

MANILA, Oct 23, (Agencies): President Corazon Aquino warned today that military corruption and abuse of civilians threaten to undermine "the strings of victories" against communist rebels.

Meanwhile, the mayor of a major city claimed corrupt soldiers were behind recent kidnappings, but the commander of the Philippine constabulary warned that growing criticism of the military may encourage a new coup altempt.

During a speech marking the 50th anniversary of the department of national defence, Aquino said the armed forces was finally winning the 20-year war against the rebel New Peoples Army.

"For the first time in four years, there has been a substantial drop in the level of dissident violence in 1989," Aquino said.
"The leadership of the underground has been decimated, and intrigues and demoralisation

have spread in enemy ranks." She claimed the number of villages infiltrated by the New People's Army was declining but gave no figures. Aquino also said public support for the military against the insurgents was increasing, depriving the 23,000 rebels of their "mass base" in the

countryside. "Despite the strings of vic-tories, I must caution all against two important dangers that can shake the integrity of this covenant between the soldiers and the

people," he said.
"The spectre of corruption and abuse of power still hover over us, threatening to erode the

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Crab FAIR weather with light north-westerly wind... State of sea: Slight High water: 6.00 nm, 9.00 pm Low water: 3.00 pm Sunrise: 5.55 am

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Minimum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 15°C 59°F Ahmadi: 19°C 66°F Failaka: 19°C 66°F Kuwait: 30°C 86°F

Ahmadi: 28°C 82°F Failaka: 29°C 84°F Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 38 per cent Ahmadi: 49 per cent Failaka! 52 per cent

# Rajiv will seek re-election from Amethi

NEW DELHI, Oct 23, (Agencies): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will seek re-election to his Parliament seat in Amethi, a one-time backwater in northern Uttar Pradesh state that has reaped the benefits of the patronage of the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty, it was announced today.

Anand Sharma, a spokesman for the All-India Congress Committee, the top policy-making body of the ruling Congress (I) Party, said Rajiv would travel tomorrow to Amethi, 335 miles (540 km) southeast of New Delhi, to file his nomination papers.

The announcement put to rest specula-

tion over the constituency from which Rajiv would fight in national elections to be held Nov 22-26 for 529 seats in the lower house of Parliament, or Lok Sabha.

Recent news reports have suggested that Rajiv was unsure of his chances of recap-turing the Amethi seat and was looking for a safer constituency as his victory is crucial to the party's prospects of weathering its most formidable opposition challenge since suffering in 1977 its only general election defeat.

But, Rajiv's decision to re-election from the district centred on Amethi apparently

No opposition candidates have yet been named to fight in the district.

The announcement of Rajiv's decision to stand again from Amethi came as the Congress (I) Party leadership began the crucial process of selecting candidates for the parliamentary contests scheduled in all but one of India's 25 states and simultaneous elections for five state assemblies.

Major opposition parties began making their selections last week, but face the daunting challenge of trying to the largest extent possible to agree on nominating a Party contender.

Dinesh Goswami, a spokesman for the National Front, a coalition of five centrist parties and the main opposition force, said the bloc was seeking to have its candidates run in about 375 constituencies, but that negotiations with other organisations were underway at the state-level.

Polling officials today began readying tens of thousands of lanterns, ink pads and ballot boxes for the world's largest electoral exercise — general elections that will decide who governs India for the next five

# Aoun rejects peace plan, troops on alert

Christian leaders split; US backs Taif accord

BEIRUT, Oct 23, (Agencies): Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun put his forces on alert today amid a sharp split in Christian ranks triggered by his rejection of a peace plan for the civil war-plagued

The two main militias of the 1.2 million-strong Shiite Muslim community also rejected the accord, approved yesterday by Christian and Muslim parliamentarians after weeks of talks in

Made homeless by the massive earthquake, Juanito, 2 years, cries out

from top of a pile of donated clothing at a makeshift refugee camp set

up at the high school in Watsonville, California. (Reuter-wirephoto)

Landslides hit

quake-country

Helm improving

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 23,

(Agencies): High winds and heavy rain slammed into north-

ern California today, knocking

down power lines and setting off

landshides in areas already hard-hit by last week's earthquake. "About 50,000 people have

lost power today, all of it

unrelated to the earthquake,"

said Don Haynes of Pacific Gas

and Electric Co. About 4,000

homes remained without power

"Rain complicates matters under the best of circumstances,"

said Sherry Lembke, a California highway patrol despatcher.

into San Francisco was "amazingly smooth" as schools and

businesses reopened for the first

But Carl Bayol of the state

highway authority said, "We

think people are sitting home

waiting to see bow it's going to

go. At this time we have to say

everything is looking just a little too good," he said.

Officials had expected a mas-

time since the earthquake.

Transit officials said traffic

because of quake damage.

sive traffic jam because the road

system was crippled by earth-

quake damage.

Initial reports showed traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge, the

only major bridge left into the

city directly from the north after

the partial collapse of the Bay

Bridge, was running four times

■ Buck Helm, pulled from

wreckage of a highway four days after northern California's ear-

thquake, showed significant medical improvement and could

soon be out of danger, doctors

said today. Helm, 57, suffered three

broken ribs, a crushed leg and other injuries when the double-

decker highway collapsed in the

quake last Tuesday, trapping

tor at Highland Hospital, told a

news conference that Helm's kid-

ney function had returned and he

was able - by writing on a tablet

- to tell doctors be was no lon-

Dr Floyd Huen, medical direc-

him in his car.

higher than normal.

An aide to Aoun, a Maronite Catholic, said the general put his 20,000

mainly Christian army troops on alert to "cope with all eventualties." The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "It's a recautionary measure.

All leave was cancelled and troops were ordered to stay in barracks. he said. "We're not going to war. It's a defensive measure." Aoun rejected the Taif accord during a hastily arranged news

conference late last night. He lashed out at George Saadeh, a Maronite Catholic parliamentarian who heads the Lebanese Front, a coalition of right-wing Chris-

He was quoted today as telling a Kuwaiti newspaper "I say to George Saadeh don't sign and return home. If he signs, his signature commits him personally. Let him come and impose by force what he agreed to if he can overpower me and dismiss me." Saadeh, in an interview in Taif

with Amman Radio, said: "Perhaps Gen. Aoun is not aware of the hardships we went through.' He said: "I'm neither pessimistic nor optimistic, but pragmatic ... we have to work together to

defuse the mines and eliminate

Some 5,000 Christian supporters of Aoun demonstrated outside his residence at the bombravaged presidential palace in

suburban Baabda today.
"Withdrawing confidence from those who have gone to another world, to another land which is not ours, is a must," he told the demonstrators. The deputies "must under-

stand that their role is over and that now it is your turn, yours alone." he said as the crowd clapped, cheered and chanted "With blood, and souls, we defend you, general."

"You have to come forth and pick the mantle," he said. "What happened in Taif is a mistake that should be corrected.

"This is the day of option. You have to choose between free existence or capitulation and humiliation," he said.

The tirade was an indication that Aoun, who heads a Christian military cabinet in Lebanon's splintered government, might dissolve the Parliament to scuttle the peace plan, using public support as a mandate.

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# Private sector urged to be active

THE Governor of Kuwait Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah today urged the private sector to take courageous initiatives towards actively participating in the country's economic activities.

Delivering a lecture at the Graduates Society last night, Sheikh Salem predicted that the private sector in Kuwait would, during the coming years, play a major and influential role in the local economic activity.

The lecture was titled "The course of the Kuwaiti economy ... present and future prospects." He said that the private sector was supposed to play more active role in the local economy in the past but the state was forced to

play the predominant role. Sheikh Salem said that raising the issue of a bigger role for the private sector, would always lead to the question about what activities can be transferred from the government to the private some peculiar activities and sectors that cannot be transferred to the private sector, specially those that provide vital social services like education, health and others.

The governor however said that there are other sectors and activities that can be transferred to the private sector for better management and financial profits and to relieve the state of part of its financial burdens. This will ultimately lead to help the state budget to achieve a state of balance.

He emphasised the housing sector is perhaps one of the most important sectors that can be transferred to the private sector.

He pointed out that the concept and criteria of expanding and activating the role of the private sector in the country's economy should reach the extent of allowing the private sector to completely own some companies in which the state is the major shareholder besides being allowed to buy the government's equity in some other companies. He said that such a measure would help utilise the surplus funds of the private sector and at the same time would reduce the burden on the state reserves and reduce pressures on the state

budget. But the Kuwaiti official emphasized the need for careful and detailed studies to precede any of such privatization moves, stressing on the importance of timing factor to implement the privatization of public establish-

The government must ensure to sell its assets to the private sector at a price equal to the market value and timing plays a very important role in this. Sheikh Salem said. But he added: "The wisdom of such decisions for privatization in the light of the supply levels in the market, necessitates the private sector to adopt serious and wise initiatives

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Hijab row

Two Muslim schoolgirls arrive at their school in the Paris suburb of Creil yesterday wearing their headscarves which have caused a national controversy in France. Moves by headmasters to ban Islamic dress in French schools have caused several expulsions. See story on Page 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Israel condemned

# **Ruwait calls for N-free Mideast**

(Kuna): Kuwait called on the world community today to create in the Middle East a zone free of nuclear weapons.

Addressing the disarmament committee, Kuwait's permanent representative Mohammad A. Abulhassan also condemned the Israeli drive of nuclear armament and its "grave consequences" for peace and security in the region and the

Not only is Israel stockpiling nuclear weapons and refuses to satisfy the treaty of nonproliferation, it has even begun testing a medium-range missile capable of delivering nuclear

heads, he pointed out. Abulhassan cited as an example the recent firing of such a missile that landed 400 kilometres north of the Libyan

city of Benghazi. Kuwait condemns this act which is considered a violation of

an independent country's sovereignty," Abulhassan said.

all members of the world community to take a firm stand against what he described as irresponsible Israeli actions." At the same time, the Kuwaiti

envoy drew attention to the existing nuclear collaboration between Israel and South Africa which he condemned for "their common racist and colonialist

He appealed to all countries to refrain from extending whatever might bolster their nuclear capacity and expand their arsenals of weapons. Abulhassan further renewed

the call for the elimination of all chemical and biological weapons and the adoption of a convention on their total ban.

Abulhassan also stressed the importance of information and mobilising public opinion with regard to disarmament issues, as public opinion pressures have a great impact on decision-making

# Aids-killer found

#### Successful in lab

TOKYO, Oct 23, (AP): A group of Japanese researchers today said they have developed a monoclonal antibody which apparently kills only cells infected with the Aids virus while leaving normal cells intact.

Shin Yonehara of the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Medical Science and Nobuyuki Kobay Ashi, assistant professor of Yamaguchi University, developed the antibody at the bio science laboratory in Yamagata, northeastern Japan, according to a release by the laboratory. So far the antibody is successful only in the laboratory, and researchers still need to determine its effector in clinical trials on Aids patients. still need to determine its efficacy in clinical trials on Aids patients.

laboratory official Kazuhisa Koseki said.

The privately run lab plans to carry out the clinical trials next year and is negotiationg with a Japanese drug manufacturer to develop the antibody for the tests, Koseki said.

# **ARAB®TIMES**

Grand Bingo

Master Koshy Vaidyan has won the Four Corners prize. He will receive KD 25. Game No 73 continues for the First, Second, Third Full Houses and the Top Line prizes.

# Move to topple Benazir

ISLAMABAD, Oct 23, (UPI): The opposition coalition today called for a no-confidence vote zainst Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, as her party's major ally in Parliament announced it was withdrawing its support for the government

An opposition spokesman said 86 members of the National Assembly had signed a no-confidence motion and presented it to the Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament. Under the constitution, the vote must be taken within seven days.
The spokesman, Zahid Sar-

fraz, said the opposition had the support of 129 of the 237 assembly members, including some legislators from Benazir's Paksitan

People's Party.
"We have come to the conclusion that PPP rule will harm the country," he said.

However, the PPP's major ally in Parliament, the Mohajir Quami Movement, which represents the descendants of Indian immigrants, announced at the same news conference its 14 members would henceforth vote with the opposition.

Farooq said the MQM signed a political co-operation agreement last month with the Islamic Democratic Alliance.

#### Hints of plot to oust Gorby

MOSCOW, Oct 23, (Reuter): A radical Soviet economist has warned of a plot to topple Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev and painted a grim picture of what life would be like under Politburo conservatives, led

by Yegor Ligachev.
Tatyana Koryagina, a member of a government commission on econ-omic reform, told the Latvian youth newspaper Sovietskaya Molodezh there were many groups who wanted Gorbachev out of office and the struggle went right up to the ruling Politburo.

"I am deeply convinced that there is a plot," she said. "These groups may not yet be formally organised. The political spectrum of their interest is a past complicated. interests is a very complicated one, but (their common interest) is toppling Gorbachev.



# 32 killed in Sri Lankan violence, bodies block traffic

COLOMBO, Oct 23, (Agencies): Thirty-two more people, including 15 young Sin-halese men whose bodies were set after in the Kandy hill district, have died in Sri Lanka's continuing political violence,

officials said today. All but one of the deaths reported in the past 24 hours occurred in Central and

Southern Sri Lanka, where Sinhalese extremists from the People's Liberation

Front are waging a bloody campaign

against the Sinhalese-dominated govern-

Military sources and residents said the bodies were spread across a main road nine km (six miles) west of Kandy in the central hill province.

"Vehicles could not move for a few minutes, delaying schoolchildren and office workers," a Kandy resident said by telephone. The bodies were later removed by the police.

Two other bodies were found in the Kandy area. One bore a note written in blood reading: "This is a punishment for giving information to the police."

Military sources said the lettist People's Liberation Front was active in the area. They said 15 Buddhist monks, one of them a university student, were among 40 youths detained by troops around Kandy

An earlier government statement said 16

people were killed in the 24-hour period, including a civilian militiaman and three of his family in Ratnapura, 80 km (50 miles) southeast of Colombo.

In the east coast town of Batticaloa, a leading member of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, Rasaratnam Sangalingam, was shot to death yesterday by members of the rival Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, officials said.

#### Mayor blames police for growing lawlessness

# Military corruption may erode victories

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healthy relations between the man in uniform and the civilian population," she said, "Also, I feel I must warn you against possible disregard for the welfare of the innocent caught in the crossfire between the armed forces and that of the enemy."

Aquino did not elaborate, but her remarks follow growing criticism from the Senate and provincial governors about the military involvement in major cries.

Filipino and foreign human rights groups, including Amnesty International, have also criticised the government for failing to curb human rights

fully soldiers accused of abusing civilians under the guise of pursuing the counter-insurgency

campaign.
In a radio interview today, Rodolfo Ganzon, mayor of Iloilo about 500 kilometres (300 miles) southeast of Manila, blamed the military and police for growing lawlessness.

We have had 11 kidnappings (nation-wide) in the past 19 months and they are all military connected," Ganzon said. "Many high officials should be transferred or eliminated from the service because they are the ones responsible for smuggling of arms here, smuggling, illegal kidnapping, murder and other

Ganzon urged Aquino to order a shakeup in the Philippine constabulary's region 6, headquartered in the central Visayas islands, "and transfer even the whole command."

In recent weeks, Sen. Ernesto Herrera has claimed soldiers and police are protecting drug lords. Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, has charged that senior officers are linked to illegal gam-

attacked officials conducting the exams.

in a statement on Thursday, Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, commander of the constabulary,

Cheating in exams

About 200 expelled

DHAKA, Oct 23, (Reuter): Nearly 200 students have been expelled for cheating and roughing up teachers during graduation examinations, Bangladesh education officials said today.

They said violence erupted in at least 20 centres on the first day of the

examinations yesterday, forcing authorities to call in police to restore

Students, complaining that monitoring was too strict and the questions too hard, ransacked examination halls, tore up papers and

rods and heaps of pages torn from their text books," one official said.
On Saturday, students in north Bangladesh staged an eight-hour

protest strike after authorities made them change seats to prevent

"Many examinees came up for the test armed with rocks, knives, iron

criticised Maceda for "discriminatory, libelous" statements. Montano said renegades responsible for previous coup attempts had been trying to recruit disaffected constabulary troopers and that his command was "very attractive" for "enemies of the state."

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■ Authorities discovered handguns and rounds of ammunition hidden inside a television set abandoned at Manila airport, a

customs report said today. The report said the weapons—
a pair of 45 caliber pistols, a Baretta handgun, and 100 rounds of ammunition - belonleft his bags after arriving from Los Angeles on Sunday.

Troops overran five communist rebel camps and seized weapons and ammunition in an operation last weekend in the

island, the military said today.

Aquino signed a new law today granting limited autonomy to a gold-rich region in the northern Philippines regarded by more than 100 mountain tribes as their ancestral home. A provincial mayor claimed today that corrupt soldiers were behind a recent string of kidnappings and called on Aquino to

March to

MANILA, Oct 23, (AP): Supporters of Ferdinand Marcos

will begin a march to Manila to press their demand that the late

president's body be returned

from Hawaii for burial, a govern-

Rolando Abadilla, vice gover-nor of Ilocos Norte province, said the marchers would leave tomorrow from Batac, 400 kilometres (250 miles) north of

Manila, after observing a

moment of silence for Marcos,

President Corazon Aquino

has refused to allow Marcos'

body to be returned for burial,

saying it would trigger domestic unrest. The supreme court is con-

sidering an appeal by Marcos'

supporters to overturn the ban. Abadilla, Marcos' former

Manila area intelligence chief, said the loyalists decided to go

ahead with the march, although

the court has not ruled on their

who died Sept 28 in Honolulu.

Manila

ment official said today.

western district of Mindanao

revamp the military command in the central Philippines. ged to a Filipino passenger who

Atlantis returns safely

BASE, California, Oct 23. (AP): The space shuttle Atlantis swooped out of orbit to a safe landing in the Mojave desert today after a five-day mission that sent the Galileo spacecraft streaking across the solar system

toward Jupiter. Commander Donald Williams guided the 97-ton winged spaceship to a stop on a hard clay lak-ebed runway at 9:33 am (1633 GMT), concluding a flight that covered 1.7 million miles (2.7 million-kms).

He landed into a light headwind of about eight miles (13 kms) per hour.

"Congratulations on an out-standing mission." Frank Culbertson, the spacecraft communicator at mission control in Houston, Texas, told the shuttle crew. "You've extended the shuttie's reach to outer planets." "It's nice to be home," Williams replied.

The five astronauts started their descent from orbit an hour before touchdown when Williams fired Atlantis' braking rockets 180 miles (298 kms) above the Indian Ocean. That slowed the ship's 17,400 mile (28,000 km) per hour speed and started it on a fiery dive through the atmosphere.

Two sonic booms crackled over the California desert as Atlantis glided powerless through the clear sky, making wide circles to reduce speed as it descended.

If winds had been too strong, the landing could have been post-poned until Tuesday or Wednes-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Turkish diplomat's car bombed: A bomb hadty damaged, the car of a Turkish diplomat in Baghdad and shattered windows at nearby building, state-run Turkish Radio said yesterday.

The car belonging to Berati Arisoy, commercial counsellor at the Turkish embassy was empty when the explosive went off on Sunday and no one was hurt, it said. It gave no further details.

The Foreign Ministry said the charge d'affairs at the Iraqi embassy in Ankara was summoned and told of Turkey's concern over the blast.

It said Tuckey demanded an inquiry into the bombing, better proceeding for its diplomats in Iraq and payment of damages. (Reuter)

Duchess of York in S.America: Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, arrived at this South American capital on Sunday-night and departed immediately for Punta del Esse resort, where she will

preside over a yacht race.

The 23 yachts of the Whithread round the world race depart on

Saturday Oct 28 for Freemantle, Australia.

The wife of Prince Andrew arrived at 7.40 pm (2240 GMT) on a Planaflight from Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital that hes across the River
Plate. She departed England the day before (AP)

New head of Solidarity chapter: Lech Walesa promised workers at the Lenin shipyard that he would mind their interests as head of the local Solidarity chapter despite his many other duties, a pro-

of the local Solidarity chapter despite his many other duties, a proSolidarity newspaper reported yesterday.

Walesa declined an ofter to become honorary chairman of the Union
Chapter at the shipyard and unexpectedly decided to run for the office
Saturday, said the independent Gazeta Wyborcza daily.

Walesa, who founded the independent Solidarity movement nine
years ago at the shipyard, defeated Alojzy Szablewski, a veteran shipyard
worker and longume fellow union activist, by a vote of 87-37 among

union delegates. (AP)

Extremists win in Stuttgart: The extreme rightist Republicanter Party won city council scats in Stuttgart and other key areas of West Germany's richest state, in the latest in a spring of election successes this

year, officials said yesterday.

The Republicans' victories began in January, when the party won 11 of the 138 seats in the West Berlin legislature. The party since then has gained city council seats in other major cities, including Cologue. Dortmund and Duesseldorf, as well as in parts of Hesse state.

The Republicans' latest gains are expected to put further pressure on the Republicans' latest gains are expected to put further pressure on the party which the conservative Christian Democratic Union.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU), which suffered heavy losses in Sunday's voting in Baden-Wuert-

Kohl's party has been buffeted by ultra-conservative calling for a tougher stance to win back voters from the Republicans, while the left has accused the CDU of already making too many concessions to the far-

Bingo Day 5

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#### Bangladesh to hold Aids meet

DHAKA, Oct 23, (Reuter): Ban-gladesh, one of the few South Asian countries believed free from Aids cases, will host an international meeting next December on prevention and control of the killer disease, officials said today.

# 350 kg of heroin found in ambulance

PESHAWAR, Oct 23, (AP): Police in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province seized 770 pounds (350 kilogrammes) of heroin today from an ambulance originally donated by the United Nations, officials said.

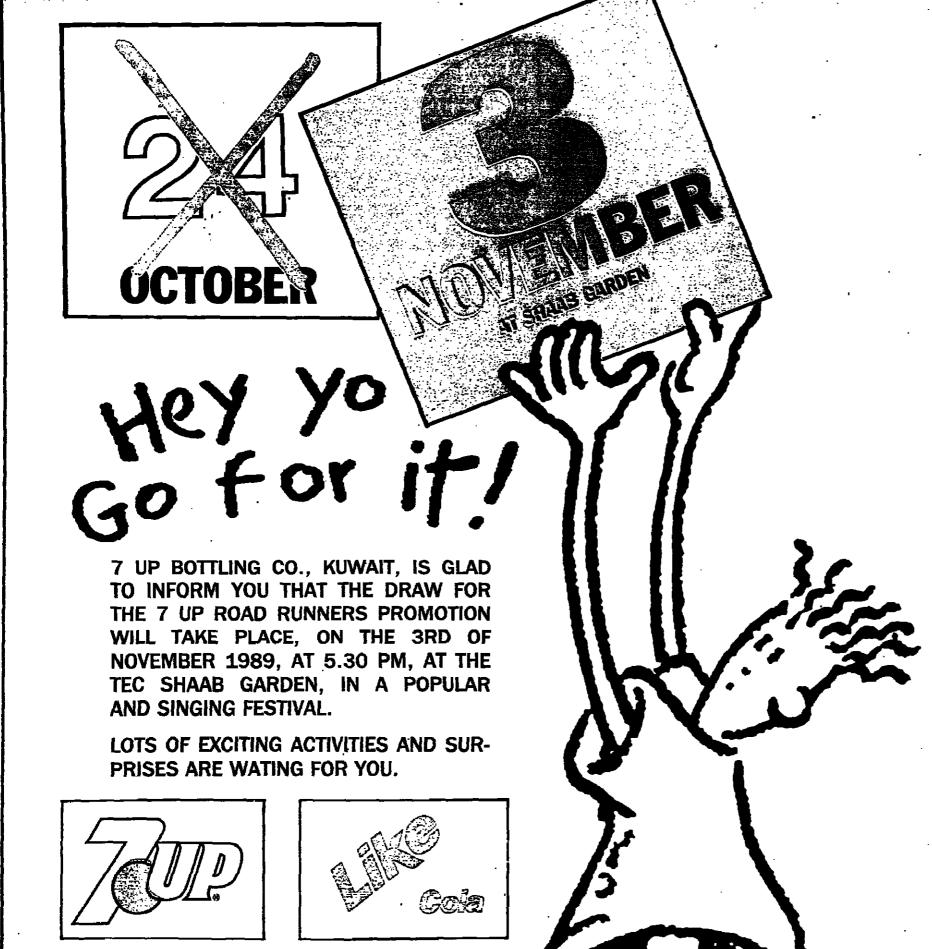
Though the vehicle bore a UN licence plate, it was unclear whether it was being operated by the organisation, said the assistant chief of the province's criminal investigation department, Hedaitullah.

UN officials contacted immediately after the seizure said they believed the ambulance had been

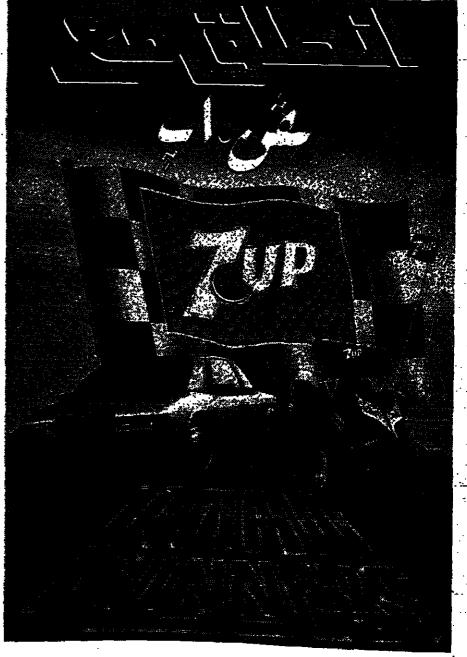
donated earlier to the Pakistan government.

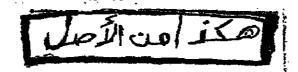
Investigators stopped the ambulance at a roadblock about 25 miles (40 kilometres) east of Peshawar, but the driver sped away, Hedaituliah said. Officers chased it until the driver stopped near a school and fled, he said.

Authorities intercepted another UN-donated wehicle laden with heroin at the same roadblock in August, but police confirmed it was not operated by UN employees.









# Looters overrun jet crash wreckage

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Oct 23, (AP): Hundreds of looters and curiosity-seekers overran the wreckage of a Honduran jet crash, hampering efforts to determine the cause of the weekend crash that left 131

Everyone trampled everything down," said Barry Trotter, head of a US team investigating the crash.

Honduran officials were unfamiliar with the importance of sealing off a plane crash site, Trotter said yesterday.

The Tan-Sahsa Boeing 727-200 crashed on approach early Saturday on the last leg of a flight from San Jose, Costa Rica with a stop in Managua, Nicaragua. A survivor said the plane shook violently and seemed to plunge just before it crashed in flames into a hillside.

Evidence

Fifteen of the 146 people aboard, including the pilot, survived.

Trotter said the looting would not necessarily cripple the inves-tigation, but that evidence had been obscured.

"There are no ground scars that would show the angle the plane hit at. How it broke up and dissipated energy, how it slid,"

The first people to reach the site were peasant farmers, some of whom live in houses only 75 yards away. They helped rescue survivors and rushed them to hospitals in pickup trucks.

Within an hour after the plane crashed on Saturday morning, the site was overrun by more than 100 people sifting through luggage, clothes and papers.

Corpses Soldiers were seen sorting clothing. Children stuffed toys and clothes into bags. One fireman was observed leaving with a suitcase under his overcoat. Wallets and billfolds also disappeared.

Few corpses arrived at the morgue in Tegucigalpa wearing

Maj. Carlos Aguilar, the Honduran armed forces' liaison to the investigators, said the site was not secured until Sunday afternoon, almost 36 hours after the crash.

Some looters were peasants, who earn about 1 dollar a day. But Aguilar said roads in the area 20 miles (32 kms) from curiosity-seekers on Sunday out-

There were people hauling out burned suitcases, trying to open melted zippers. I even saw children taking away bits of twisted metal as souvenirs," said Andres Torres, a member of the Honduran Congress who visited

the site yesterday. The "black boxes" that record pilots' conversations and flight data were found Saturday and sent to Washington for evaluation, officials said.

Speculation on the cause of the crash centred on bad weather along the approach path. Tegucigalpa's airport is at the base of a ring of often cloudcovered mountains, as if it were

at the bottom of a soup bowl. There was also speculation about the 727's age, more than 20 years, leaving it open to possible metal fatigue, which has affected other older jets.

## Regan's turn now

WASHINGTON, Oct 23, (AP): Former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, renewing his feud with Nancy Reagan, said today the former first lady "has

no gratitude for anyone." "I think she takes too much pity on herself," Regansaid in an interview on the television network NBC. He was discussing Mrs Reagan's new book, "My Turn," in which she criticises many of her husband's former

associates, including Regan. "She doesn't seem to realise what's been going on during those eight years," Regan said. In the book, Mrs Reagan accuses Regan of taking her interest in astrology and "twisting it to seek his revenge on Ronnic and me."

#### Scot folksinger MacColl dies

LONDON, Oct 23, (Reuter): Scottish folksinger Ewan Mac-Coll, who wrote Roberta Flack's 1972 hit "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," died in hospital of heart failure last night, his record company said today. He

was 74. The socialist singer, songwriter and playwright who never had a formal musical education campaigned against nuclear. weapons, apartheid and the Viet-



PEOPLE AND PLACES.

LONDON: Prince Charles and Princess Disna will make their first visit to Nigeria and Cameroon in mid-March, Buckingham Palace

The Prince and Princess of Wales are going to the West African nations at the invitation of both

governments, the palace said. Dates of the visits had not been set. Charles' parents, Queen Elizabeth
II and Prince Philip, visited Nigeria
in 1956. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tempessee: Dolly Parton and Ricky Skaggs will join other country stars to honour Bill Monroe for his 50 years on the Grand Ole Opry officials said Thursday.

Monroe, considered the father of Bluegrass music, will be saluted Oct 28 during special ceremonies on the regular Opry Show.

Cable TV's the Nashville network

will broadcast the salute live during a 60-minute special.

Performers who will honour Monroe, 78, also include Ralph

Stanley and Mac Wiseman, network spokeswoman Nancy Neil said. Monroe is known for such songs as "Blue Moon of Kentucky," "Mule Skinner Blues" and "Uncle Pen."

LOS ANGELES: The screenwriter of hit films such as Flashdance and Jagged Edge accused the president of a powerful Hollywood talent agency with threatening to ruin his

report.

Joe Eszterhas says that Michael Qvitz, head of Creative Artist Agency, threatened to damage Eszterhas' reputation in the film industry if he left the agency, the Los Angeles Times reported. Qvitz denied the allegation.

"What you were threatening me with was a twisted new version of the old-fashioned blacklist," Eszterhas wrote Qvitz in an Oct 3 letter quoted in the Times. "Plain and simple, cutting out all smiles and friendliness, it's blackmail." In response, CAA released a letter Qvitz wrote to Eszterhas to

deny the allegations.
"When I received your letter this morning, I was totally shocked, since my recollection of our conversation bore no relationship to

your recollection," Qvitz wrote.
The Times said the four-page Eszterhas letter had circulated throughout the Holywood community, which for years had speculated that the agency put pressure on people who wanted to switch agents.(AP)

ner's yard, authorities said.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio, Oct 23, (AP): An Amtrak passenger train broadsided a

freight train yesterday, injuring four people

and throwing a freight car into a homeow-

'everything from sand to syrup,' including

carbolic acid in one car, but none of the cargo

spilled, said Andrea Just, a CSX transporta-

The accident occurred before dawn when

the passenger train, travelling from New

The 116-car CSX freight train was carrying



'Sold-out' shows

Mick Jagger, lead singer of Rolling Stones perform 'Harlem shuf-' fle' during the third of four soldout shows at the Los Angeles Coliseum; part of their nation-wide 'Steel Wheels' tour on Oct 21. (Reuter wirephoto)

ROGUE RIVER, Oregon: Former US President Jimmy Carter and his fishing trip on the Rogue River. Dean Helfrich, a guide who

furnished the couple with the necessary equipment, took them down the wild river in southern Oregon, according to another guide. Mel Norrick. "It's good for the area to have someone like that come here to go on the river," said Norrick, who

guided then-vice-president George sh on a one-day fising trip on the Rogue in 1988. "Carter fishes a lot," Norrick said. Carter previously fished the middle fork of the salmon river in

VALLETTA, Malta: Pope John Paul II will visit the Mediterranean island of Matla next May 25-27 Archbishop Joseph Mercieca of Matla announced Sunday.

The visit will be the first by a pope to the staunchly Roman Catholic island.

The pope was invited to Matla by Mercieca and Bishop Nicholas Cadchi of the island of Gozo, part of Malta. (AP)

BEIJING: Two Sichuan farmers have been sentenced to death and two others given life imprisonment for selling panda skins, the official

Xinhua news agency reported. An intermediate court in the southwest China province gave Liang Yongzheng the death sentence for selling seven Panda skins for 300,000 yuan, or \$81000. The other condemned man, He Gaanghai, made 30,000 yuan, or \$8,100, by selling skins, the agency said.

It said two of Liang's seven accomplices received life in prison.
The men were from Pingqu county, a major habitat of the giant panda. The animal is native to China and only about 1,000 still survive in the wilds of Sichuan and

neighbouring Tibet.
The Chinese government has forbidden hunting of the endangered species, and courts in Sichuan have repeatedly called for harsh punishments of people caught killing or selling the animals.(AP)

JAKARTA: Prince Philip, the husband of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, arrived in Indonesia Monday for a two-day visit to

promote nature conservation.

The Duke of Edinburgh sailed by private yacht from Singapore to the Ujung Kulon National Park in western Java, home of the clusive and endangered Javan rhinoceros said a spokeswoman for the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF)

The prince is travelling in his capacity as international president of the Wildlife Preservation Group, she said. Monday was set aside for touring

the Indonesian nature preserve which lies south of Krakatoa Volcano. Tuesday, the prince travels to Jakarta, where he plans to give a news conference before leaving for Brunei, the spokeswoman said. (UPI)

LONDON: Derek, Jacobi, whose stage roles have included a Prince of Denmark, became a Danish knight in recognition of his achievements as an actor and director, especially his interpretations of Shakespeare. his interpretations of Shakespeare.

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark
authorised the knighthood for the

actor, who played Hamlet at Elsinore in Denmark in 1979 and directed the pay when he returned in

Danish Ambassador Rudolph Thorning-Petersen presented Jacobi with the Royal Order of Knight of the Dannebrog, first class.(AP)

Trains collide, freight car thrown into homeowner's yard

York City to Chicago, hit the freight train at a crossing, said Amtrak spokeswoman

The freight train was bound for Newport News, Virginia, from Chicago.

The cause of the accident was under inves-

tigation by the National Transport Safety

Board.
'My understanding is the Amtrak was moving very slowly.' Ms. Just said.
The CSX train was travelling at about 35

miles (55 kilometres) per hour, she said.

# Greek theatre blast probe

LESBOS, Greece, Oct 23, (AP): Investigators today questioned relatives and friends of a Greek Air Force officer who was killed while placing a time bomb in a theatre where a conservative leader was to meet party suppor-

The bomb prematurely exploded early yesterday at 12:05 am (2205 GMT Saturday), killing warrant officer Michalis Pavlis as he attempted to place it in a ventilation shaft in the courtyard of Mitilini's municipal theatre,

Conservative New Democracy Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis, on a pre-elec-toral tour of the eastern Aegean island, was scheduled to speak in the threatre almost 27

An inside

glimpse

at Hill's

minutes

WASHINGTON, Oct 23, (AP):

The desire of Japan's prime mini-

behind-the-scenes look at how officials weighed ideology and

politics in setting policy on issues

from Aids to the government's

petroleum reserves to establish-

ment of minimum government

standards for toaster ovens and

against Japan for alleged unfair trade practices. Trade represen-

the Japanese parliament adjour-

Baker - now secretary of state -

according to the minutes said official position would be that it

The minutes also show Reagan

The public often does not

aides could become exasperated

protection can conflict with other

social goals," environmental protection agency chief Lee

Thomas said in one council memo.

"There are unrealistic expecta-

tions of what we can and should

Elizabeth Dole began the debate

over raising the 55-mile-per-hour (88 km-per-bour) speed limit by

stressing safety. But in the privacy

of the Reagan White House, the

debate turned to states' rights,

budget worries and election-year

Attorney-General Edwin

"Mr (Edwin) Meese felt this is a

Meese influenced the final

decision on the speed limit, which was instituted during the 1970s as

good issue to put off until Decem-ber or politically we will be seen as

raising the speed limit," read the

final paragraph of the minutes of the July 1986 session.

The collision through a freight train into two outbuildings, knocking one into a pool,

The owner of the house, Mike Swinehart,

said he found the car in his yard when he

arrived home. Bob Mackling, who was asleep

in the house at the time, was unharmed and

Two Amtrak engines and a baggage car also jumped the tracks, Ms Hare said.

The injured were taken to Wyandot

Ms. Just said.

said he was not awakened.

Memorial Hospital.

Transportation Secretary

was just drafting one.

by public criticism.

achieve."

other household appliances. On one occasion, in December 1985, top cabinet members were discussing a plan to retaliate tions are set for Nov 5.

A police official, who asked that his name not be used, said investigators believe the home-made bomb attached to an alarm clock could not have hurt Mitsotakis since it only had a 12-hour cycle,

If police are correct, it appears the 33-yearold officer only was attempting to create a climate of fear.

Demolition experts said the bomb contained "purely military specifications" material, presumably stolen.

In a separate incident last night, three cars belonging to US military personnel were destroyed by firebombs while parked at an Ath-

were stationed at Hellinikon Air Base. adjacent to Athens airport. Four passers-by

were slightly hurt in the explosions. An Athens radio station later reported the underground leftist Revolutionary Popular

Struggle claimed responsibility for the attacks in a telephone call. The group has waged a bombing campaign in recent years against government buildings, police stations and private businesses.

The anti-capitalist ELA group seeks the end of US installations in Greece. It last struck on June 14 in a series of bomb attacks against government offices.

# Designs raise brows

### Hamnett's triumphant entry

PARIS, Oct 23, (Agencies): Left wing British designer Katherine Hamnett made her triumphant entry on the Paris fashion scene with a spring and summer collection sexy enough to have purists questioning her feminist creden-

ster to postpone an announcement and frustration with US public But Hamnett refused to opinion were among topics discus-sed among top advisers to former president Ronald Reagan, accord-ing to recently released apologise for yesterday's party-loving collection, which stressed skin-tight cat suits, minuscule minis and the shortest of shorts for day-wear.

Scores of minutes from meetings which detail Reagan's domestic and economic policy councils were released under the freedom "Women have come such a long way, it's been such a hard struggle, now I think we can do anything we want," said the 41-year-old designer. of information act. The hundreds of pages offer a

It was a wacky, youthful collection aimed at women who either have perfect bodies or are liberated enough not to worry about their imperfections. Frenetic models jitterbugged

onto the stage in tight city suits—wasp-waists jackets worn over hip-hugging minis or tiny hot-pants. There was a hint of the 1960s in some low-belted cigarette pants, and the theme tunes were vintage motown. For evening Hamnett opted

tative Clayton Yeutter said Japanese Prime Minister Nak-asone had asked that the action at for sleeveless cats suits and elasticated body stockings with a hint of dance-wear about them. least be delayed two weeks until These came in hot orange, black, brown, or studded with a silver sequins which sent rainbow Reagan advisers agreed, and then Treasury Secretary James Baker said the administration would need "a public line" if asked to explain the delay. Although the administration had a plan in hand, lights spilling across the hall. Girlish strapless dresses cut to mid-thigh were given a touch of

erotica with gauze skirts showing black leotards beneath. Hamnett used the same effect with a white one-piece trouser suit over black bra and knickers. She also experimented with denim, a favourite on many cat-

walks this season. It was used in

hot pants and ribbed bustiers

which were tassled with glitter or

1990 summer season.

and dressy jackets. Both lines showed some leggy

looks, long pants and Lacroix' curvy cuts. "Luxe" was simply richer than ready-to-wear, and will cost a few thousand dollars



Lame jacket broacaded with flowers and with golden epaulettes tops matching skirt. (Reuter wirepholo)

outlined in sequins and fur.

Hamnett's recent decision to join the growing numbers of Italian designers bringing their collections to Paris has delighted the French but is unlikely to win her friends back home.

Christian Lacroix woke up the fashion crowd yesterday with his show of bright, peppy clothes in ready-to-wear and 'luxe' for the

A model wears a shimmering tightly-fitting mini skirt worn with an embroidered jacket in contrasting fabric. (Reuter wirephotol more per outfit.

In both shows, he included some of his oval skirts and fitted jackets, plus a few of his famous fichu collars and trapeze-line coats and dresses. Pants ranged from full and cropped to 'cigarette' slim, under tunic tops

The slightly simplified, sportier ready-to-wear lines led off with a blue drawstring parka over narrow Madras plaid pants. and colour burst out from there on - often with Lacroix' ebullient mixes of flowers, checks, plaids.

# Siberian blast was deliberate

Thousands evacuated

MOŚCOW, Oct 23, (Reuter): A huge explosion in a pipeline in Western Siberia that caused thousands of people to be evacuated was touched off deliberately by workmen after a test went wrong, the Oil and Gas Ministry said today.

The workmen overloaded the oil and gas pipeline with three times the normal pressure, causing a rupture which released large amounts of gas from earlier tests. They then ignited the gas to burn off the excess.

No one was hurt in the explosion near Tobolsk but thousands of people were evacuated briefly from their

A Soviet television news presenter, reporting the incident yesterday 10 days after it occurred, said: "It was as if a meteorite had struck. If there had been villages nearby, nothing would have been left."

A commission was investigating the explosion, an official said, adding: "It was not an accident in the real sense."

In a report from Tobolsk, 1,600 kms (1,000 miles) south-east of Moscow, the evening news programme Vremya said last night that the rupture took place on a section of the same pipeline that exploded June 4, killing 607 people in a nearby

The report earlier said the

pipeline was under repair when the explosion occurred. There were no injuries or deaths reported in the blast in a remote, sparsely populated area. Vremya said the blast hap-

pened when workers tested the ine with water.

"When the pipe burst, not only water, but heavy steam which was still left in the pipe exploded from the rupture," the report

The blast was see a by experts as a warning that other explosions may occur on the

# Lesbians stab man to death

BRISBANE, Oct 23, (Reuter): Australian police today charged four young women with the ritual murder and near-decapitation of a 47-year-old man whose naked body with 14 stab wounds

was found in a park. Police said they believed one woman carried out the murder late on Friday night, stabbing council worker Edward Baldock while the other held him down.

Baldock's body was found by two school boys on Saturday morning. The women, in their early 20's, were arrested at the weekend. Police said all four were lesbians.

The four, who have confessed to the crime, drank animal blood before luring Baldock to his death, police said. Police found a gravestone and photos of cemeteries in the flat of the the woman who wielded the knife.

The women entered no pleas when they appeared on charges of murder in Brisbane magistrate's court. They were remanded in custody until Nov 7. No evidence was heard.

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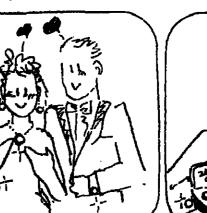
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# **US** rules stopped action in Panama

WASHINGTON, Oct 23, (UPI): Classified regulations adopted by the Reagan White House severely restricted US involvement in the abortive Oct 3 Panamanian coup and technically required Washington to notify Panama of the impending attack, NBC News reported yes-

President Bush complained bitterly about the restrictions during a meeting last week with Republican senators, saying his hands were unfairly tied, congressional sources told ABC.

The policy started during the administration of former president Ronald Reagan was raised by Bush at a private meeting with Republican senators, intelligence sources said yesterday. The sources said Bush read the senators part of a classified letter from the Senate Intelligence Committee that cutlined the restrictions.

The classified guidelines sharply limit US involvement in coup attempts abroad. They in fact require the government to warn a foreign leader if it learns of an impending coup bid that might endanger his life, the network

Defence Secretary Dick Chency has complained that congressional guidelines inhibited the administration's flexibility in responding to events in Panama leading up to the failed attempt Oct 3 to oust Noriega. The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, David Boren, said yesterday that the policy Bush complained of was based on CIA guidelines agreed upon by the executive branch of the US government, not the Congress.

The Washington Post quoted a senior administration official today as saying that although Bush contended the guideline might have required him to tell Noriega of a coup attempt, the President did not assert that such a restriction played any role in his decision to provide only limited assistance in the coup.

The Bush administration is redrawing its guidelines for US official who may may be approached by the plotters of a coup. Boren has said his committee will welcome a discussion of any new guidelines with the administra-

A Peruvian educator and nun who had lived in Panama for 27 years and was expelled last week has been authorised by Panamanian immigration authorities to return to Panama, a Catholic weekly said yesterday.

■ Nicaragua: President Daniel Ortega met in emergency session with his chief security officials after a weekend attack by US-backed Contra rebels in which 18 soldiers were killed, the government said. The soldiers were ambushed

on their way to register for Feb 25 national elections and the Defence Ministry accused rebels of trying to disrupt voter regis-

■ Grenada: A British officer involved in the US invasion of Grenada that began six years ago today says the American troops are rightly hailed as heroes but the official US rationale for the mission was flawed.

Retired Maj. Mark Adkin savs the US military action was not necessary to save the lives of American medical students on the Caribbean island, as claimed by the US government, and in fact endangered them.

#### Six killed in air show crash

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Oct 23, (Reuter): An Ecuadorean air Force jet doing stunt manoeuvers at an air show yesterday crashed into a residential neighbourhood, killing five people on the ground and the pilot, an airport spokesman said.

The jet fighter, said to be an Israeli- built Kfir craft, slammed into a two-storey apartment complex.

Witnesses said the pilot was

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 23, (AP): Eight

African National Congress leaders, including

seven freed from prison Oct 15, held a strategy

meeting today, unhindered by police even

though their movement technically remains

The meeting marked a reunion for the seven

recently released men and a colleague, Govan

Mbeki, who was freed from prison in Novem-

Mbeki, 79, has been barred from travelling

unable to recover from an inverted loop before hitting the ANC leaders hold strategy meeting in Soweto



Two Colombian policemen examine some of the one tonne cache of cocaine. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Row over hijab divides French

Death call rapped

PARIS, Oct 23, (Agencies): Following weeks of debate on the right of Muslim girls to cover their heads with scarves in public schools, the French public remain divided on the subject, a poll showed today.

According to the poll publi-

shed today by Le Parisien news-paper, 48 per cent said they approve the action of the school-master in Creil who expelled three Muslim girls who insisted on wearing the scarves in a class. The French public was divided

when asked on whether wearing the scarf would jeopardise the secular character of public schools. Forty four per cent said yes and 43 said no. Fifty seven per cent said that the presence of immigrant chil-

dren in public schools does not affect the educational process, while 36 per cent said it does. Yesterday, 400 people demonstrated in the streets of Paris call-

ing for the right of Muslim girls

to wear scarves in class. The Figaro daily today commented editorially on the issue, saying "Islam, the second religion of France, merits the res-

The paper noted that problem centres on the refusal of these people to integrate into French society as has been the case of generations of immigrants from

Arab and Muslim countries. The imam of the grand mosque of Paris, Sheikh Haddam Al Tijani was quoted here today as calling for dialogue on

the problem Describing yesterday's demonstration by Muslims in Paris as "regrettable", Sheikh Haddam said in an interview with Le Monde daily that the cases of Muslim girls wearing the scarves should be solved in an amicable manner.

■ A British government official condemned a renewed demand in Britain for the death of author Salman Rushdie, and five newspapers today said the demand invited a criminal prosecution for incitement to murder.

Rushdie has been in hiding since February, when Iran's late religious leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini, said Muslims should kill him for allegedly blasheming Islam in his novel, "The Satanic Verses." The book was publicly burnedby British Muslims, some of whose leaders backed the deadly demand.

John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, denounced Saturday's speech in the Northern England city of Manchester by Dr Kalim Siddiqui, director of the Muslim Institute in Lon-

Patten said in a statement: "I unequivocally condemn this irre-sponsible call by one of the leaders of British muslims. I hope that most sensible and responsible members of their community will join with me in isolating him from mainstream Muslim opin-

# Radar station broke treaty, Soviets admit

Acknowledging mistakes

release, but the government yesterday lifted

the restrictions for one week. He flew to

The other seven were released uncondition-

ally, and have spoken out freely on behalf of

their guerrilla movement. They have endor-

sed the ANC's use of violence as part of its

campaign to end white-minority domination

and have demanded a series of concessions

and attending political gatherings since his

from the government as a precondition for

Johannesburg today from his hometown

MOSCOW, Oct 23, (Reuter): The Soviet Union acknowleged today that a radar station in Siberia violated a 1972 superpower arms treaty and that the leadership had known this for Foreign Minister Eduard

Shevardnadze told the Soviet Parliament the Kremlin had contradicted its own demands for strict adherence to the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty. He said his declaration that the

radar station at Krasnoyarsk violated the treaty proved that the main plank of Soviet foreign policy was "not to conceal, (but) to acknowledge and to correct

"All these years we have been fighting for preservation of the ABM treaty as a basis for strategic stability," he said in a review of foreign policy achievements.

"Yet at the same time, the construction of this station equal in size to the Egyptian pyramids The Soviet Union agreed last

December to dismantle those portions of the radar station that the United States had long charged were in violation of the 1972 The Soviet Union halted con-

struction in October 1988 and initially offered to turn the station into a space research centre. Shevardnadze said the Soviet leadership had taken four years to "sort out matters with this

"It took some time for the leadership to come to know the whole truth and whole history about the station," he said.

As late as November 1988, Soviet officials denied it was intended for anti-missile defence. The 1972 treaty limiting superpower Anti-Ballistic Missile sys-

tems was signed by then US and

Soviet leaders, Richard Nixon

and Leonid Brezhnev, in Mos-

The eight men met in private at a community centre in Soweto and declined to comment on their agenda. All eight are expected to participate in a mass ANC rally planned for next Sunday at a soccer stadium near Soweto.

Mbeki and five of the men freed this month received life sentences in 1964, along with paramount ANC leader Nelson Mandela, after being convicted of treason for plotting an anti-government sahotage campaign.

# Plan to cripple drug trade

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23, (Reuter): Bahamas Prime Minister Lynden Pindling said today the United States could wipe out drug dealers' cash hoards at a stroke by altering the design of all its large denomination banknotes and setting a time limit for

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the registered exchange of existing notes. Outlining a 10-point programme which he said would cripple the central nervous system of the illicit drug trade, pindling

FARO, Portugal, Oct 23, (Reuter): Nato will cut back

nuclear forces in Europe as it

reshapes defences to take account of a future East-West agreement

slashing tanks, big gams and other military hardware, Nato officials

say.

"The deeper those conventional cuts are, the more impact it will have on our nuclear force posture," a senior Nato official said.

The official was speaking ahead of a two-day ministerial session of the North Atlantic Treaty Organication's unclear planning group

isation's nuclear planning group which opens tomorrow near Faro, southern Portugal.

The group brings together 14 defence ministers from the 16-nation alliance. France, outside

the alliance's military structure,

does not take part while Iceland,

with no armed forces, attends as

The prospect of sweeping

reductions in tanks and heavy

military hardware in Europe has

brought under scrutiny the future role of Nato's "battlefield" or

short-range nuclear weapons (SNF) such as the Lance missile

In a war, these weapons, which have a range well below 500 km

(310 miles), would be earmarked for destroying Soviet tank forma-tions massing for attack in Eas-

Front-line West Germany,

home of most of Nato's short-range systems, is highly sensitive to plans for their modernising and has won an agreement by the allies for them to be reduced in future US-Soviet negotiations.

Nato is now trying to marry together long-standing plans to

modernise short-range weapons

plans with its pledge to negotiate

The ministers were expected to

instruct the planners to study how

nuclear forces, including SNF weapons, could be restructured in

the light of a conventional forces

in Europe (CFE) agreement between Nato and the Warsaw pact.

According to an ambitious tar-get set by US President George

Bush, a CFE agreement — now

under negotiation in Vienna — would be concluded next year.

The United States will be all-

owed to base new nuclear weapons

in Britain after its ground launch

Cruise missiles have been withdr-

awn, the Times of London repor-

ted today.

The daily newspaper said new US warplanes, armed with shortrange nuclear Cruise missiles still under development, would be able to enter Britain in the mid-1990s. They would be F15-E bombers with Sram-T missiles, which will have a range of about 250 miles (400 kms), it said.

There are already 156 US E-

There are already 156 US F-

111 nuclear bombers based in

southern England, at Upper Heyford and Lakenheath. The F15-E planes might go to other

bases, the newspaper said, mea-tioning Bentwaters, Wethersfield or Sculthorpe.

withdraw its ground-lannehed Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe under the 1987 inter-mediate nuclear forces treaty with

the Soviet Union, which stipulated

a deadline of June 1991. The

treaty did not cover air-launched

A Defence Ministry spokes-woman who would not be iden-tified in accordance with British

practice, said the Times report

was "purely speculative."
"There have not been any new

developments in where this sort of

thing is going to be based," she

The Times said the issue of sea-

ding more US nuclear aircraft to

Europe would be discussed at a defence ministers' meeting of the

Nato nuclear planning group in Portugal on Tuesday.

Sculthorpe. The United States has begun to

ted today.

and nuclear artillery.

an observer.

tern Europe.

called on all Commonwealth countries to join Britain and Canada in aiding Colom-

bia's fight against drug barons. He asked delegates at the Commonwealth summit to support the establishing of a United Nations "strike force" drug enforcement agency and to pass laws to ensure their banks were not used to laun-

dering drug profits. A former Bahamian minister, Kendal

Nottage, his wife, and five others were indicted for drug laundering by a US grand jury last March. US Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh said an elaborate system laundered more than \$5 million bet-

ween 1978 and 1987. Nottage, a long-time political associate of the Bahamian prime minister, denied involvement and pindling stressed today that steps had been taken to make certain

his country's banks did not launder drag

New laws were in place to permit seizure and forfeiture of property and assets derived from drugs he added.

He urged all Commonwealth countries to enforce orders for the seizure of assets issued by courts in other countries. The Bhamas was seeking such an agreement with the United States.

#### C'Wealth leaders Nato to reshape blast UK stance Europe Thatcher accused of disloyalty defence

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23, (Agencies): Commonwealth leaders today accused British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of disloyalty and improper behaviour for repudiating their new South Africa strategy with a dissenting statement One leader after another blasted an unrepentant Thatcher for issuing a statement attacking sanctions as the most effective means to force an end to apartheid, contrary to the official joint declaration supporting

"It was despicable and unacceptable," said Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

A bitter Mugabe accused Thatcher of "deliberately telling the blacks in South Africa that Britain is a supporter of apartheid" and a friend of the apostles of apartheid to safeguard Britain's economic interests. Referring to Thatcher's contention that poor blacks suffer the most from sanctions, Mugabe asked, "Isn't

"I cannot let this incident pass," Australian Prime Mini-

discrimination across the board suffering?

ster Bob Hawke said.
"Imagine my surprise to find Great Britain put out a separate statement" after the delegates," joint communique, he said. "This isn't the way business should be done."

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney charged that Mrs. Thatcher ignored the Brit-ish tradition of "fair play" by issuing her separate statement without informing the otehrs, an hour after the summit released its South Africa declaration.

The dispute flared when the 49-nation summit of Britain and its former colonies resumed in closed session on its next-to-last

Britain signed the declaration after its objections to key provisions, including a call for immediate tighter financial measures and six-month target date for South Africa to reform or face new reprisals, were incorporated. With the leaders sitting

around the conference table, Mulroney and Australia's Bob Hawke, the main author of the declaration, turned on Mrs That-"The price of Commonwealth

membership is loyalty," Mulronleaders as saying.
British officials said Mrs That-

cher retorted that she was "astounded and utterly appalled" at the attacks and added, "no explanation whatsoever was needed." "I believe if you are going to

function in a Commonwealth you have to follow the basic British tradition of fair play,' Mulroney told reporters after the heated session. "Where would we be if 49

countreis did this? he added. You sign a deal at five o'clock and repudiate it at six ... (saying) by the way, what I signed really doesn't reflect all my views."

"No one in the room was left in any doubt about my feelings," Hawke said afterward.

Hawke and Mulroney said they had widespread backing from the other leaders in the mainly Third World organisation, which includes black African countries hostile to South Africa's white-led government and system of legalised racial discrimination, known as apartheid.

Diplomats said Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, the chairman, intervened and steered the assembled presidents and prime ministers on to a scheduled debate on the world economy.
Mrs Thatcher, leaving the conference hall, said she was entitled

to spell out her "different view." You've got to be fair. You've got to be fair," she said before joining her fellow leaders for lunch.

A British official said later that she was "amazed the Commonwealth finds free speech so inconvenient. In her dissenting statement

yesterday, Mrs Thatcher also charged that US and Commonwealth embargoes have strengthened white extremism in South But she endorsed the declara-

tion's stipulation that current embargoes should be maintained. New Zealand, which with

Britain, Australia and Canada comprise the Commonwealth's only developed countries, tried to smooth things over. Prime Minister Geoffrey Pal-

mer said Mrs Thatcher's "way of doing things ... isn't calculated to make the heads of government happy. But I don't think it is good for

the Commonwealth to turn it into an organisation which orchestrates hymns of hate against the United Kingdom."

## What chefs saw

# Rare glimpses

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23, (AP): Queen Elizabeth personally serves her husband Prince Philip tea every afternoon but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has time only to say "hi, darling" and "bye, darling" to husband, Denis. These and other rare glimpses of the private lives of the Queen

and Mrs. Thatcher appeared in interviews in the New Straits Times today with the butlers and chefs who served them during their stay in the Malaysian capital for the biennial summit meeting of Britain and its former colonies. Edwin Le Prince, 32, butler to the Queen during her visit

reported the British monarch was very attentive to Prince Philip and insisted she personally serve tea to him at 4:30 every "We would have to lay the table and boil the water but she

would cut the bread and mix his tea for him," Le Prince

The royal couple are early risers, and read the morning newspaper before having breakfast together. The Queen has tea, toast and marmalade jam, while Prince

Philip has fish. She brings her own Earl Grey tea and marmalade Daniel Minry, 24, the Maitre D' at Carcosa Seri Negara, the

official guest house where the couple stayed, reported that the Queen "never left any food on her plate.". The head chef at the guest house, Daniel Pellegrinelli, 32, after observing he had lost six kilogrammes (13.2 pounds) in weight because of the tension of the job of cooking for royalty, revealed that the Queen's physician advised on her menus, which had little red meat, lots of fish and fresh vegetables.

The Queen's favourite tipple is a gin and tonic before dinner, and Prince Philip likes Carlsberg beer.

Mrs. Thatcher's butler, at the plush Shangri-La hotel, Ro Yusoff said the British prime minister's favourite drinks were white wine, gin and tonic and whisky soda.
"She hardly had any time with her husband. It's literally "hi

darling' and 'bye darling,' but they always make an effort to dine together." he said.

According to Yusoff, the Queen and Mrs Thatcher have at least one thing in common, they east little red meat.



# Call to review case of 'Birmingham Six'

DUBLIN, Oct 23, (Reuter): Ireland pressed Britain today to review the case of six Irishmen convicted for a string of 1974 pub bombings that killed 21 people in England. Irish Prime Minister Charles

Haughey stepped up the pressure after Britain's top law lord last week quashed murder convictions against three men and a woman jailed since 1975 for Irish Republican Army bombings in Guildford, southeast Ireland has now turned its attention to the Birmingham Six, imprisoned for bomb attacks on pubs in central England that killed 21 people and injured 150.

Haughey said the case of the Guildford Four, convicted on the evidence of policemen who lied, has "proved that the system of justice can go completely wrong and be completely subver-

Britain's Home Office consistently refused last week to review the case of the Birmingham Six but Haughey insisted "these dramatic revelations in relation to the Guildford Four mean the whole situation must be totally reviewed from the bottom up. Everything must be brought back into consideration.

Ireland is making a new sub-mission to British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd on the case because Haughey said "it is now subject to the same big question mark which the Guildford Four outcome has revealed." Several hundred people tur-

ned out in Belfast yesterday evening to welcome home Gerry Conlon, one of the Guildford Four, who had an emotional reunion with his family.

# **NEWS IN**

#### Bombs defused

LONDON, Oct 23, (UPI): Police yesterday defused firebombs that had been cached at three sites in Design had been cannot at these area in con-tral London, reportedly by members of a Weish extremist group opposed to the purchase by Londoners of holiday homes in Wales. Scotland Yard announced that the

Scotland Yard announced task the three "incendiary devices" were found early in the day outside a private residence, a fashionable sloane St Estate agency and at the Centre for Policy Studies, all in the

downtown area.

"All the devices were successfully made safe and taken away for examination," the spokesman said UK storms kill 13

LONDON, Oct 23, (AP): Two days and nights of storms in Britain left 13 people dead on the roads and at sea, all in Southern England, police and coast guards said today.

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skidding on a wet road at Homion.
Devon, bit a railroad bridge and landed upside down on a car, killing the bus driver and the car's loar. occupants, who were going home-from a wedding.

Five other people died in road accidents caused by vehicles skidding or crashing into trees brought down

by the winds. oy the winds.
Two men died in separate yacht capsizing off the south coast, and a youth was swept away while fishing off rocks near Perranporth in Com-

Thousands of homes in southern England were left without power on Saturday when power lines were brought down. Coal mine explosion

HONG KONG, Oct 23, (AP): A gas explosion shattered a coal mine in China's southern province of Jian-gzi, killing at least 19 people and injuring four, an official report seen

today said.
The cause of the explosion Friday at the Wushan Mine in Leping county, about 1,240 kms (775 miles) south of Beijing, was still under investigation, the China News

The accident was the worst coal mine gas explosion in the province since 1977, said the report. 25 die in accident

JAKARTA, Oct 23, (Reuter): At least 25 people died and 37 were injured yesterday when a crowded bus overturned on a road on the ian island of Java, police said 🆼

The bus slammed into an iron fence and richocheted into a concrete pillar before overturning, police said. Police said the cause of the accident was not immediately clear.

# Reagan decorated

TOKYO, Oct 23, (Reuter): Japan gave former US President Ronald Reagan its highest decoration, the Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum, in ceremonies today at Tokyo's Imperial Palace. Reagan became only the second American president to receive the

decoration and was honoured, the Foreign Ministry said, for his staunch support of the US-Japan alliance during his eight years as president from 1980 to 1988. As president, Reagan "endea-voured to maintain a free global trad-

ing system, centring on Japan and the United States," the spokesman said. The late president Dwight Eigenh-ower was similarly honoured in 1960.

Prince Josef ill VADUZ, Leichtenstein, Oct 23, (UPI): Prince Franz Josef II is too frail and unwell to attend his wife's funeral tomorrow, the principality's

government said today.

"He has been very ill for a long time and his condition does not allow him to be present," a spokeswoman Swiss media reports said the condi-

tion of Franz Josef II, 83, became "critical" on the death of his wife but the spokeswoman said he was "no more critical than before."

Princess Gina died last Wednesday, Oct 18, and the state funeral was being hald on what state funeral was being held on what would have been her 68th birthday.

#### Pell's decision

WASHINGTON, Oct 23, (AP); Sen. Claiborne Pell, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is considering ending his 30-year Senate career but Democrats say they are "pushing him hard" to run

for re-election.

Pell will be 71 next month and these Democrats say he has every right to retire.

But they also say his decision to step aside would make the 1990 Rhode Island Senate race highly competitive, perhaps leaving an otherwise virtually safe seat vulnerable to a strong Republican drive.

#### War criminals

LONDON, Oct 23, (Reuter): International investigators treed Britain today to change its law to allow prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals who took refuge here after

"If we're not careful we could become known as a haven for war criminals," said Member of Parliament Jeff Rooker, one of several British politicians attending a ment investigators from Canada, the US and Australia.

INTERNATIONAL

# Workers form first trade union

East Germans demand right to strike

BERLIN, Oct 23, (Agencies): Several hundred workers at an electronics plant outside East Berlin have formed East Germany's first independent trade union, a spokesman said today.

Roelf Boerger said the union's platform includes a demand for the right to strike, and he called on all 6,000

employees of the Wilhelm Pieck factory in Teltow to join the new labour movement. The factory is named after East Germany's first president.

He said the union, named "reform," declared solidarity with newly founded opposition political groups

in East Germany and called for a thorough restructuring of the communist state's economy. Boerger's statement was distributed to western news media today in West Berlin.

# Miners stage protest strike

#### Warning to Kremlin

MOSCOW, Oct 23, (Agencies): Miners and rail workers stopped work for two hours today in the Kuzbass coal region in a "warn-ing strike," defying a ban on strikes, the official Tass news

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Tass said 15,000 to 20,000 miners, rail workers and workers at one factory remained off the jobs from 8 am to 10 am in the Ural's Mezhurechensk region, where this summer's nation-wide coal strike erupted.

The walkout defied a new law, passed this month, banning strikes in essential industries through next year.

Witha Russian winter approaching, the work stoppage in the rich Urals openly called a "warning strike" cannot but send shudders through the country.

Even more ominous, the rail

workers joined in the brief twohour work stoppage today, while this summer the railroad workers did not openly join the strike.

On ending their strike this summer, the miners had warned that they were only "suspending" the work action and would resume it if their demands were

"The July strike was suspended, so we just continued the

MADRID, Spain, Oct 23, (AP): Polls published by two news-papers today differed over

whether Prime Minister Felipe

Gonzalez' Socialist Party can

win its third straight parliamen-

tary majority in the Oct 29 gen-

A poll in the Barcelona daily

La Vanguardia indicated the

Socialists would win between 172

and 178 seats in the lower house

maintain their absolute majority

in the 350-seat Cortes. They

The Socialists need 176 seats to

of Parliament, or Cortes.

eral elections.

deputy chairman of the Mezh-durechensk city workers' committee.

"The strike (Monday) was a warning," he said. "The results of production did not suffer."

Tass said: "The decision about the strike was taken because the miners think that some of the items on the protocol signed by the government ending the summer strike, were not being ful-filled."

Tass said that workers are demanding that the price of coal be raised close to world market prices so that President Mikhail Gorbachev's self-financing reform for mining enterprises

It said that the colliers are demanding that the state commission headed by Politburo members Nikolai Slyunkov return to the Kuzbass to discuss the settlement.

Bild, which accurately The coal miners in Mezhdureforecast when Erich Honecker chensk sparked a two-week would quit, also quoted top party nation-wide coal strike when sources as saying the veteran they walked off the job on July leader fought to the end to keep power until the central committee coldly accepted his resigna-tion on Oct 18.

The colliers' strike, which finally ended July 25, cost the nation more than \$150 million in lost

.. The policy-making committee would meet again between Nov 10 and 15 and remove five more Majority doubtful veterans from the ruling Politburo under new party chief Krenz, the newspaper quoted sources in East Berlin as saying. It said Krenz's responsibility

for internal and external security would go to Wolf, 66, who retired espionage chief in 1987 after 29 years of placing moles at the highest reaches of the West German government. Wolf is not a member of the central committee but ranks in

the West as reform-minded. He

spoke out in a West German

Tens of thousands of East

Germans demonstrated in the

southern city of Leipzig today in

a fresh challenge to the Communist authorities to introduce

political reforms and allow

freedom of travel.

Protestant church sources in

the city, East Germany's second

biggest, said the protest was shaping up to be as big as a

similar one last week which attracted more than 100,000 peo-

Pro-reform marches have taken place in several East Ger-

man cities since 52-year-old

Egon Krenz took over last Wed-

nesday after 18 years of orthodox

socialism under his mentor,

Tens of thousands of prote-

sters took to the streets in Leipzig

in early October in the biggest

display of unrest since a 1953

uprising that was put down by

increasing readiness to discuss and debate East Germany's

problems openly, including the recent exodus to the West of tens of thousands of East Germans.

Meanwhile West Germany's

Bild newspaper today predicted

a dramatic shake-up of East Ger-

man communist rulers that

would sweep out five ageing har-

dliners and bring in former

spymaster Markus Wolf as security chief.

Since then, there has been an

Erich Honecker.

Soviet tanks.

newspaper interview in September for public debate about change at a time when orthodox leaders were still baulking at Among the five to go would be Prime Minister Willi Stoph, 75,

ideology chief Kurt Hager, 77, and Minister for state security Erich Mielke, at 81 the oldest man in the Politburo. Erich Mueckenberger, chair-

man of the party's control commission, and Alfred Neumann, one of two deputy prime mini-sters, would also go, Bild said. Both are aged 79.

# Boat people will be sent back

LONDON, Oct 23, (AP): Tens of thousands of Vietnamese boat people are to be repatriated forcibly from Britain's Hong Kong colony, a London newspaper reported

The Daily Mail said the British government had decided that because of critical overcrowding in Hong Kong, it had no option but forcible repatriation, "carried out with troops if

"A furious international outcry is certain to follow," the newspaper predicted.

To soften the blow, it said, Britain intended to pay every man, woman and child about

"To the refugees, this would be a small fortune," the report added.

"The cost of these bounties for around 40,000 refugees would be more than £15 million (more than \$240 million) to Britain. but it is thought a small price to pay if it takes any heat out of the ensuing row," the Daily

The British government regards most of the boat people as seekers for a better life and not refugees from political persecution.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said last night that talks were still going on with

no final arrangements had been made, the future of the boat people would have to be back in their own country, he added.

Nearly 57,000 Vietnamese boat people languish in Hong Kong, according to a report yesterday from the conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, of government leaders of the Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies. The report, quoting conference sources, said the summit wants to force all the boat people who are not genuine political

## **Swedish** arms in Cambodia

STOCKHOLM, Oct 23, (AP): The government agency that controls weapon exports today denied knowing that Swedish anti-tank weapons had reached Cambodian guerrillas for their war against the government.

"There were reports one year ago that the Cambodian guerrillas were using Swedish weapons ... but in our subsequent investigation, we could not con-firm that this had happened." said Sven Hirdman, head of the War Materials Inspection

To safeguard Swedish neutrality, government policy forbids the export of weapons to zones of conflict, and each sale must be approved by the inspection board. "I would like to see a

photograph of someone using the gun. We have had the same information from other sources, probably the same as yours, and we will investigate this," he said. Hirdman said if it's true that the weapon had found its way to Cambodia, it could be an older model traded before Sweden tightened its export regulations

Until then, a buyer had the right to resell Swedish weapons five years after their purchase, he

According to Western diplomats and resistance sources in Southeast Asia, the Cambodian guerrillas acquired the Swedish 84mm Carl Gustaf, the West German 67mm Armbrust and the 89mm French LRAC, all anti-tank weapons.

The Carl Gustaf and the Armbrust came to the two non-communist factions through Singapore, the source said in Bangkok. The Swedish weapon was given to the resistance by the Singaporean government in viola-tion of agreements with the Swedish government.

#### Reform calls to jam fax machines

PARIS, Oct 23, (Agencies): Chinese exiles world-wide plan to flood fax machines across China this week with pro-democracy appeals, the French backers of the campaign said

today.

Dissidents and their supporters in Europe, the United States and South America will transmit the appeals on Thursday to 5,200 telefax numbers listed for hotels, universities, embassies and companies in China, the French magazine Actuel said.

Actuel is co-sponsoring the campaign in France with the medical charity Medecins du Monde and the Paris-based dissident organisation, the Front for Democratic China (FDC).

Simultaneously, weeklies in 15 nations from Britain to Brazil will also fax the texts drafted by the FDC. The FDC was founded in September by dissidents who fied

abroad after the crushing of prodemocracy protests in Beijing last June. France, accused by China of

aiding and abetting the dissidents, last week warned exiles to tone down their campaign against the communist leadership in Beijing.
"France cannot allow its

territory to be used for political activities against a government with which it has diplomatic relations," Foreign Minister Ronald Dumas said

In a separate development, China said it again will accept the return of illegal immigrants caught crossing into Hong Kong, the government announced today. Since Oct 8, Chinese auth-

orities had refused to accept the return of people who sneaked into the British colony illegally. The move was in retaliation for the Hong Kong government's decision to allow a dissident Chinese swimmer to travel to the United States, after he was arrested for overstaying his visa. The terse announcement said

after discussions between the Hong Kong government and the local branch of Xinhua news agency, the de facto Chinese embassy in the territory. About 1,100 Chinese were

the two sides reached agreement

awaiting repatriation today. A government spokeswoman said she did not know how many would be returned tomorrow. ■ China today launched a bitter

personal attack on the head of the Nobel prize committee, accusing him of supporting Tibetan separatists and tarnishing Beijing's reputation.



Cambodian defectors

Thai troops guard Cambodian government soldiers: who defected across the Thai border after an offensive by Chinese and Thai-backed guerrillas. Thai

Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan visits China this week at the start of an Initiative to persuade the superpowers to work for peace. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Khmer Rouge seizes gem-rich border town of Pailin our Cambodian national resistance forces

BANGKOK, Oct 23, (AP): Khmer Rouge guerrillas claim to have seized the gem-rich Thai-Cambodian border town of Pailin and routed its Cambodian government defenders after months of combail.

A victory would represent a major psychological, military and economic boost for the Khmer Rouge, one of three guerrilla

groups fighting the pro-Hanoi government. In a broadcast, the Khmer Rouge military command described the taking of Pailin as "a victory of strategic and historic meaning." In a decade of guerrilla war, the Khmer Rouge had not been able to establish a viable 'liberated zone" inside Cambodia.

"At 0600 on Oct 22 (2300 GMT Saturday),

ship of Pailin," the broadcast said. The short, preliminary report said the guerrillas "utterly routed" the defending

196th division, totally destroyed the 95th brigade and inflicted severe casualties on provincial and district forces.

attacked and completely liberated the town-

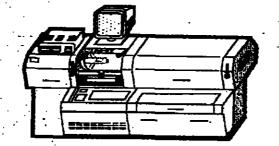
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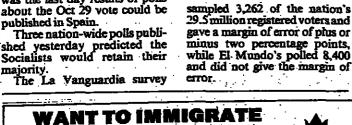
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#### currently hold 182, down from the 202 they won when they time in October 1982. But a second poll today in the first issue of Madrid's new daily, El Mundo, predicted the Social Trias Fargas suffers a heart attack while addressing a raily for Spain's ists would lose their majority and end up with 168 seats. general election near Barcelona. Under election laws, today

Spanish Socialists

was the last day results of polls about the Oct 29 vote could be

shed yesterday predicted the Socialists would retain their majority. The La Vanguardia survey



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# Amir orders establishment of anti-drugs committee

# Interior minister to head permanent body

AN Amiri Decree was published in the official gazette on Sunday ordering the establishment of a national anti-drugs committee. The committee will be permanent and will be headed by the interior

Members on the committee include undersecretaries of the Ministries of Interior, Health, Education, Higher

Education, Social Affairs and Labour and representatives at the level of assistant undersecretary from the Ministries of Justice, Information, Awgaf, Finance and Customs Department.

The committee will have a secretarygeneral to be selected by the committee

The decree said that the committee will

assist the Ministry of Interior and other concerned official bodies in working out the policy for fighting drugs. It will guarantee full co-ordination between the government and private efforts in this connection. It will also propose the necessary methods for applying the antidrugs policy. The committee will also launch awareness campaigns for the

public against the dangers of drugs in cooperation with the media.

The new national committee will pay great attention to carrying out scientific research in the field of fighting drugs. It will establish contacts with regional and international bodies involved in antidrug activity in the way of exchanging information, experience and technical

know-how in the field of fighting drug

The decree added that the committee should hold at least four meetings every year. The chairman can invite the committee members for a meeting when necessary. The committee will have to prepare an internal charter to run its

Traffic violators list

# More deportations

LISTS of people with four or more grave traffic violations appearing in their traffic files are to be prepared by the heads of traffic departments in the country at the directive of the assistant director-general of the General Traffic Department Col Salem Al Roumi, according to a local

Col Roumi told the heads of traffic departments at a meeting on Saturday that the people involved in grave violations on more than four occasions would be deported from the country, within the framework of tighter measures to curb drivers' negligence and disrespect of the

## **IOMS** transplant seminar opened

By Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times staff

THE Minister of Planning and Acting Minister of Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday opened the fifth seminar of the Islamic Organisation for Medical Science (IOMS) Die Medical Science (IOMS). Discussions during the seminar will focus on the legality of performing organ transplants within the framework of Islamic dictates.

Awadi, the chairman of IOMS said this seminar is accorded special importance due to the serious and fruitful co-operation between IOMS and the Islamic

Figh Section. He added that while scientists in the Western world have been able to solve many problems and cure diseases through their research, this was distorted achievement because their work is carried out in isolation from religion and humanity. To avoid such problems in the Islamic world this seminar is being held to understand such issues in their

Specifically the seminar will discuss the transplantation of cells in the neurological system by using an embryo as a donor. The age of a potential donor embryo and the legality of terminating its life are the key areas that the symposium will address. Discussions will deal with sex organ transplants to fight inborn sterility in both sexes, this involves giving a healthy testicle or an ovary to a sterile recipient. Donors are often parents planning no more offspring, or those killed in accidents.

Dr Bakar Abu Zaid, chairman of the Islamic Figh and Dr Mohammed Balkouiah secretary-general and Dr Ali Sief delivered a speech at the opening

ceremony Dr Mokhtar Al Mahdi, head of neuro-surgery department at 1bn Sina Hospital in Cairo made a presentation on the transplant of cells and tissues inside the brain including neurological tissues to provide neurological hormones to treat damaged nervous fibres. He also spoke about the medical values and practices of neurological tissue transplant. The discussion was followed by an audio visual presentation.



Mirage pilots

A number of Kuwaiti and Qatari pilots Sunday completed a training course on Mirage fighters. A function was held for graduate pilots at Ali Al Salem Airbase. Picture shows commander of the Air Force, Brig. Dawood Al Ghanim giving away a certificate to one of the graduates.

# Ahmadi citizens bemoan slack immigration service

A LOCAL daily interviewed petitioners at the Immigration Department in Ahmadi Governorate to ascertain the nature of problems they encounter in processing their formalities.

Faisal Sheryan, a petitioner said that the department suffers from shortage in stamps at immigration departments in all governorates and that they are compelled to go to remote areas to obtain their requirements from post offices. He hoped that department officials will take action to ease the suffering of petitioners in this respect. He added that very often, employees treat petitioners in a very rude

Omar Mohammed, also a petitioner called for a citizens information service to be established at immigration departments at governorates to facilitate completion of petitions. Many petitioners are not well versed in immigration procedures, he

in completing formalities have caused him to pay fines for late processing. He indicated that very often delays are caused due to computer breakdowns at the immigration department. Fines in general, should be reduced by half — particularly for the low and middle income groups, he said.

Responsibility

Meanwhile, Col. Naser Al Banay, director of Ahmadi Immigration Department expressed the department's willingness to provide postal stamps at the department. However, he commented that some petitioners are mistaken in their belief that the department is responsible for providing all stamps necessary for petitions.

He clarified that the department is only responsible for providing stamps for residence purposes for the value of KD10 each - which are available at Ahmadi Post Office. A project is currently in its final phase for implementation which is intended to

provide stamps through the co-operation of the Ministry of Communications, the official said. Banay stated that the Ahmadi immigration department has come a long way. The department now has large halls to accommodate the big number of petitioners. He added that new halls will be opened soon to provide better services. He added

that in addition to the new halls the department has

established a parking lot with a capacity of 300 He said that implementing the law special for residences started after giving violators a 6 months period to complete their petititions. He rejected that ng netitions government departments stating that at most times delays are caused by petitioners themselves.

Operations Regarding the occasional breakdowns of the department's computer, he said that it is only natural to encounter some operational problems particularly with computers. He stated in presenting facts, the department's computer may face a breakdown once a year.

On developments and future plans, Col Banay added that the department has applied computer utilities for employees to speed up and ease the completion of petititions.

#### Anti-Aids day to be celebrated December 1

KUWAIT celebrates the Anti-Aids International Day on December 1, under the title With Chastity and Knowledge Kuwait

Keeps Aids at Bay.
The rapporteur of the Awareness and Information Committee stemming from the National Anti-Aids Committee Dr Hussein Al Momen has told a local daily that an activity-packed programme to mark the celebration has been prepared. These includes a TV and radio programme, with articles published in the press on educating the public on this fatal disease.

A public symposium will also be held within the framework of celebrations at Al Dasmah theatre, and stickers and posters stressing the significance of the occasion would be published and displayed in public places.

He said that a special list of questions on this disease had been prepared for use on TV and radio programmes as material for testing personal awareness among contestants.

**Programme** Symposia and lectures on the same subject would be held at schools and questionnaires would be arranged as well as a special educational programme would be implemented at schoollevel, Momen said.

He pointed out that special data on this disease is currently being prepared for despatch to the local press along with related stickers for publication as part of an all-out nation-wide campaign to raise public awareness and step up Aids-related education.

A number of stickers and pos-iers would be used during the Peace and Friendship Games, with a special questionnaire cir-culated among the public to find out individual knowledge in this respect, the official said.

#### **Accidents**

A MAN died and 10 others were injured as a result of traffic accidents that took place during the past 24 hours. The man was knocked over by a speeding car.
22 traffic accidents took place in Kuwait yesterday, of which 9 took place in Ahmadi, 9 in the capital and two each in Jahra and

# Revise legislations, says union chief

Silver jubilee celebrated

SEVERAL companies exploit labourers by withholding wages and other forms of commercial manipulations which consequently create obstacles in the progress of the march of the Kuwaiti labour movement, a senior official of the Kuwait Trade Union Federation said.

Speaking on the issue, Mus-sallam Al Barrak, director of Labour Culture Institute and chairman of the Organising Committee of Kuwait Trade Union Federation's Silver Jubilee celebrations said that labour movement legislations are in need of revision and should

be accorded priority.

He added that the labour movement demanded that May 1 of each year be declared as an official holiday. Further, labour unions for employees working in the private sector should be per-mitted and in general adequate financial aid to the unions should be extened.

In a recent statement, the official said that the labour movement in general aims at defending and protecting labour interests in addition to improving their social and economic

Kuwaiti unionist The movement is part and parcel of the Arab movement and had ins-

tituted good relations with its international counterparts. It has also played its role towards supporting the labour and liberation movement in the world.
Yesterday, Kuwait's Trade-Union Movement celebrated its

silver jubilee at a festival in which 46 trade unionists were honoured. The celebrations will last up to Oct 26. Other symposiums will be held

tomorrow on the role of working women in Kuwait and in the Gulf in general. Speaker on the occasions will be Dr Abdul

Raouf Al Jardawi.

Barrak said that the movement still faces the problem of obtaining recognition from many leading officials in the country. This lack of recognition has kept the doors of many officials closed to the pleas of the

union.

Continuing, he said that the
Kuwait labour movement had played its role towards supporting the labour and liberalisation movement in the world and added that in celebrating its silver jubilee, the federation is keen to confirm its commitment to developing the labour march in the country.

Elucidating, he said that the Kuwait labour movement had been established under the umbrella of the Kuwaiti constitution and their related laws. Kuwait is committed with international agreements organists the freedom of unionist activities

Speaking of the unionist movement in Kuwait, the official said that under the leadership of Kuwait Trade Union Federa tion, it has accomplished its infrastructure. Presently, there are about 12 unions in Kuwait, with nine for government employees and three for the oil.

sector employees. Additionally, there are another two vocational unions - one pertaining to the public sector employees and the other for employees working in the field of petrochemical industries. A total of 45,000 employees are members of the Kuwaiti Labour Unions, the official said.

Officials have called for granting more seats for union officials on various commissions, such as the Civil Service Commission, the social and economic committees. Additionally, they called for fixing a ceiling to the price-rise and rise in living standards, introduction of needed amend-ments into the existing labour law and step up efforts for development of national labour

# Marine manoeuvre to fight pollution

#### Video on agriculture

A THREE-DAY marine manoeuvre in a live simulated experiment to fight marine pollution will be held on Feb 5, 1990 opposite Raas Al Ardh off Salanya, a local daily reported.

Qatar, Iran and Iraq will participate in the manocuvres which are designed to impart first-hand expertise in controlling and fighting marine pollution. Latest scientific techniques and state-of-theart equipment will be used in the manoeuvres.

Cadres Additionally, scientific seminars will be held for the participants under the supervision of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of Marine

Environment (Ropme). Kuwait will be represented in the manoeuvres by the National Higher Committee for Anti-Marine Pollution and the Environment Protection Council.

Meanwhile: the Public Authority for Agriculture: and Fish Wealth has appointed new cadres who are well experienced in agricultural issues. Ahmad Abdul Wahab, head of agricultural guidance sec-

The authority is working to develop services of the section to offer optimum services to citizens and farmers by using latest methods to enlighten them on the various agricultural aspects.

The authority is planning to record agricultural instructions on video tapes and distribute them to citizens and farmers. Further, plans are also underway to develop agricultural programmes at Kuwait TV and radio to abide by the Amiri decree to make

Kuwait a green country.

Wahab called on the local press to ensure that agricultural issues are regularly highlighted in the



#### Mohammed heads for the Guinness book

High-flying courier Mohammed Isa Ahmed is heading for the Guinness Book of Records after filling 40 assports in 10 years of international travel.

Mohammed, who flies around the Middle East from his home in Bahrain carrying urgent documents for air express company DHL, has made around 2,000 visits to 14 countries. He's also used his passports on business travels to Europe and the Far East during his career with DHL

East, is being considered for inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records.

Now Mohammed, one of the most familiar sights for immigration official at airports throughout the Middle "My collection will get even bigger because I need a new passport every three months," he savs.

# **KU deans discuss** education strategy

KUWAIT University's Deans Board held its meeting recently under the chairmanship of the Kuwait University Rector Dr Shuaib Abdullah, a local daily reported.

The meeting attended by the deans of the faculties at the university, discussed the University Education Strategy including the setting up of a comprehensive plan for this sector to cope with the five-year plan and the economic strategy which had been endorsed by the Cabinet in co-operation with the Higher Education Ministry and the Ministry of

Abdullah said that the meeting had debated the faculties schemes, elucidating that the meeting had decided that each faculty should prepare its five-year plan in compliance with the general strategy for university education.

The board also discussed the admission policy in the university for the forthcoming years in addition to the faculties administrative organisation. Likewise, the meeting discused the celebrations to be held to mark the Silver Jubilee of Kuwait University which is scheduled to take piace next year.

According to the daily, the next meeting of the Deans Board is due to be held on Oct 28.

Meanwhile, the daily learnt that the Rector of the university Dr Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib has left for Qatar to attend the fourth seminar for the Arab Gulf Universities Chancellors and Rectors which is

scheduled to take place in the Qatari capital. The daily also added that the Rector had received in his office a delegation representing the Teaching Staff Society at the university to discuss some vital issues adopted by the university.

The delegation was headed by the chairman of the Society Dr Ali Al

Zamel who told the daily that the delegation had discussed with the rector the possibility of the society's participation in the committees of the University's Advisory Council and its board in addition to debating some problems faced by teaching staff.

He added that the society will invite the Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlan and the Rector of Kuwait University Dr Shuaib Abdullah to attend the weekly gathering (diwaniya) of the society next

KOTC receives fast boats

On Oct 21, KOTC received two 99 metre Fast Crew Boats. They are to be utilised to service KOTC's existing. fleet, KPC's associated companies and foreign vessels calling at Kuwait mainly at the off-shore loading terminals. The boats are built by FBM at their Cowes Shipyard in the Isle of Wight. The boats are of GRP construction weighing 5.5 GRT and are capable of achieving a speed of 26 knots.

#### Bahrain to host aluminium conference BAHRAIN will host the Fourth world. According to a statement issued here, the forthcoming include Bahrain's Under

Internal Arab Aluminium Conference called Arabal 89 at the Sheraton Hotel between November 14-16. Participants from about 35 countries, including Gulf states, have been invited to attend the three-day prestigious event which is being held under the patronage of Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

Arabal, which was originally conceived as a regional meeting in 1983, has today emerged as one of the foremost international aluminium conferences in the

event apart from its universal appeal will provide an ideal forum and unique opportunity for all concerned to learn about the major developments in the region and discuss current trends.

A unique feature of the con-ference will include a live satellite transmission of trading in alluminium direct from the London Metal Exchange, presented by the company's deputy chairman John Woff.

Speakers at the conference will

secretary at the Ministry of Development and Industry, Sheikh Issa Bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa; Khalid Al Fayez, Gulf-Investment Corporation. Kuwait; Yakin Masuda, Nippon Metal Company, Japan; Prof.— Darry Welch, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Sami-Bin Sadaqah Madah, Ministryof Petroleum and Mineral Resource ces, Saudi Arabia; Dr Ian Living: stone, Dubai Aluminium! Robert Arreza, Venezuelan Aluminium and Rene Bregenzet. Alusuisse, Switzerland.

# o non-Kuwaitis allowed on co-op boards

inspectors of co-operative societies are changed periodically to ensure an optimum level of supervision, Abdul Rahman Al Huwail, assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for co-operatives said.

These inspectors, as a rule are changed every five months which affords them the opportunity of gaining cross exposure expertise through the provision of a multidisciplinary approach and access to societies in different areas of Kuwait.

The official described differences in views among members of co-operatives as a healthy trend intended to achieve development and deplored personal disputes. In the latter, he said, the ministry intervenes to solve these disputes within the framework of the co-operative law laid down by the ministry.

Recently, he said, that the ministry used its right to dissolve the board of two cooperative societies out of the total 40 cooperatives in Kuwait. The official dis-closed that in the 25 year history of the cooperative movement, the ministry had dissolved only three co-operatives. The union has the right to submit a proposal to the Minister of Social Affairs to dissolve the board of any co-op.

Though co-operatives serve both Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis, the ministry has no intention to allow non-Kuwaitis on the boards of co-operative societies. Further, though non-Kuwaitis can obtain commodities subsidised by the govern-ment from co-operative societies, the law prevents non-Kuwaitis from getting financial returns from co-operative societies. Though profits of co-operatives vary according to their activities, the average of profit is around seven per cent of the cost of the commodities.

Huwail said that though the Union of Co-operative Societies is an independent institution, it is subject to the law of cooperation of the ministry.

# Municipal employees rewarded for busting egg mafia

#### Investigations continue

STATE Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammad Al Refai today issued a decision granting rewards to three municipality employees for their excellent work in uncovering the issue of the rotten eggs mafia. The decision came after the three employees, work-

ing as foodstuff inspectors, succeeded in seizing 49 boxes of rotten eggs being circulated by a merchant after forging

The eggs were proved to be not fit for human consumption while they were stamped otherwise. The decision

praised the alertness of the three employees adding that through their hard work and honesty, they suc-ceeded in uncovering the crime by some merchants in the foodstuffs of

Meanwhile, the public prosecution

continued its investigations in the case of the rotten eggs in which a number of merchants are involved. They are accused of using a municipality forged stamp to show that the eggs were fit for human consumption while they were

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Premier's cable

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has received a cable of appreciation from Deputy Board Chairman of the Science Club Sabah Hmoud Al Sabah.

The cable, expressed thanks and appreciation of delegations participating in the regional seminar on technological and scientific education held during Oct 14-18 in the Science Club

It also praised Kuwaiti civil and scientific accomplishments and expressed thanks for hosting such a gathering in Kuwait.

HH sent back a reply in which he hoped that such meeting would enrich and enhance scientific, educational and civil

#### Dali-Ossaimi

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (Kuna): Foreign Minister of Democratic Yemen Dr Abdul Aziz Al Dali conferred here last night with Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Ossaimi on bilateral relations and means of fostering them in all spheres.

Discussions, during the meeting at the Foreign Ministry, fur-ther covered developments in the

region.
The meeting was attended by
Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shahin and

other ministry officials.

Dali was visiting Kuwait with the delegation accompaying South Yemeni Premier Dr Yassin Saced Noman.

#### Labour meeting

CAIRO, Oct 23, (Kuna): Ministers of Labour of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries will have their second meet-

The Egyptian Minister of Manpower and Training Essam Abdel Haq said the labour ministers discussed in their first meeting yesterday what has been accomplished in the past meeting in Baghdad last August, accord-ing to the Egyptian Middle East News Agency (Mena).

Mena also said the President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak will receive the labour ministers

The ACC groups, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and the Yemen Arab Republic.

#### Sharhan leaves

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (Kuna): Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan and the accompanying delegation today left here for West Germany on an official visit at the invitation of Post and Telephones Minister Christian Schwarz Schilling.

Sharhan said on departure that talks with his German counterpart will deal with ways of promoting bilateral co-operation in fields of telecommunications technologies.

He added that he will be touring a number of German fac-tories specialised in these fields. Charity delegations

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (Kuna): Delegations of the International Islamic Charitable Organisation today started to arrive in Kuwait to attend the organisation's third general assembly due to convene here October 25-27.

The delegations represent all Islamic countries as well as Islamic communities in non-Islamic countries. 150 scientists, intellectuals and preachers will attend the gathering.

IICO's Information and Public Relations Director Adel Al Falah expressed hope that the meeting will lead to increased activities in providing material assistance and protection of Muslims against natural disa-

#### Qaboos for UAE

ABU DHABI, Oct 23, (Kuna): The Sultan of Oman, Qaboos Bin Sa'ced, will start an official visit to the United Arab Emirates, it

was announced here today.

During the few days Sultan Qaboos will stay here, he will meet with President of the UAE Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan and discuss current developments in the region.

He will also visit several emirates including Dubai. Ajman and Sharjha.

Indian embassy

THE consular section of the embassy of India in Kuwait will remain closed on the afternoon of Thursday October 26, 1989, according to a press release.

# Privatisation of some services called for

Seminar on administrative efficiency

SUGGESTIONS calling for denationalising public sector corporations constitute a controversial issue and those who advocate this idea are under the impression that privatisation of the public sector will represent a magic solution to all problems besetting the public

sector, a senior expert said. Speaking at a seminar organised yesterday on the theme of "Administration Efficiency in the Public and Private Sector, Abdurahman Al Humoud, General Manager of Al Shall Company said that arguments still arise over the role of the Public and Private sector in pushing forward the economic wheel.

Continuing, he said that those who uphold the role of the private sector claim that this sector is capable of managing different economic, educational and services sectors.

Elucidating, the official went on to say that, according to this opinion the privatisation process means among other things the liberation of project management from the government. But, he added that other experts had objected to this opinion based on evidence that the privatisation process is aimed at surmounting the performance level achieved by the public sector.

Speaking of the role of both sectors in the development process, the official said that due to pragmatic reasons, not ideological, the public sector had taken the lion's share of the development process. This was governed by the government's desire to possess all the countries national resources and to project its ability in financing and administering public sector activities.

Humoud added that the public sector had succeeded in defining several economic and social objectives, including the distribution of national wealth and the provision of basic

... However, the official said that the privatisation call has received an acceptance and enthusiastic response in the Arab countries based on the premise that it may extend solutions to the difficulties facing the public sec-

Speaking of the public sector experiment in Kuwait, the associate professor at the faculty of commerce Dr Moudhi Al Humoud said that the public sector had made good progress towards community service and had attracted local and expatriate efficients. With the increasing ambitions of citizens, the public sector has started facing several problems which has begun to hinder the march of the sector. Citizens as well as employees in the public sector have perceived these problems which are mostly attributed to lack of administrative capabilities, organisational expertise and bureaucracy in addition to the high cost of public services in addition to the substantial drop in productivity.

With regard to the Kuwait private sector, Humoud said that the sector had benefitted from public sector expenditures. However, this contribution in the development process had retreated and had been converted to commercial activities which make rapid profits and obviously refrained from involvement in other industrial and produc-

tive projects.

She disclosed that there are about 27,575 private establishments and installations in the country employing about 288,439 labourers. The percentage of the national work force in

this sector amounts to about five per cent. She added that the contribution of the private sector in the Gross National Product (GNP) had retreated in the last few years. This contribution had amounted to about 24 per cent in 1985 compared to about 35 per cent in 1982 and 26 per cent in 1983. In the non-oil sector, the contribution of the private sector had retreated significantly in 1985 amounting to 42 per cent compared to about 63 per cent in 1982. She added, in general, the private sector relied for its industrial and agricultural activities on government support.

**Objectives** Speaking of administration in the private sector, the official said that it was not better than its counterpart in the public sector. She clarified that the administration in this sector was suffering from several administrative problems including the absence of the objective and waning of the planning process.

She concluded that the efficiency of . both the public and private sector was not at the required level and was not commensurate with the available potentials.

She asked whether the denationalisation process will surmount the public sector problems and whether the objective of privat-isation will be realised? Himoud said that privatising the public sector will enhance the productivity process and will upgrade the performance level by direct linkage between output and the economic objectives governing the private sector.

Projects

She added, that the denationalisation process shall contribute to minimising the deficit in the state budget by realising an appropriate income resulting from the sell out of the assets of public sector corporations.

The privatisation process had been proposed in different shapes such as allowing the private sector to practice some activities together with the public sector such as the hospitals, schools and construction projects. The private sector, within this framework, could carry out and manage some of the

public sector enterprises. In conclusion, Humoud said that privatisation would not

solve public sector problems and could not exploit the country's resources optimally. To realise the targetted goals, Humoud has called for adopting of a reformative programme for public sector productive units. Such programmes should centre on the strategic goals of the public sector projects, adding that the programme should adopt a decisive policy towards the rationalising of

expenditure on the national level.

She added that the programme should pay necessary concern towards the re-privatising of projects which the government under some specific circumstances had nationalised. Limitations

Adnan Al Bahar, the General Manager of Kuwait Finance House (KFH) said in the seminar that the centralisation system proved efficient in activating national resources. This system will be more effective when equality and justice will become the goal such as the security apparatus and the judiciary, the official said.

Speaking of the negatives surrounding the centralisation system, Bahar said that this system was suffering from bureaucracy and its ability to deal with the rapid changes was limited. He added that this system also was a costly one in view of the absence of incentives and it was always governed by political fac-tors which mostly have a tendency to prefer the social interests of short term revenues.

Speaking of private sector management, the official said that there were two suggestions in this connection. The first calls on the state to practice general supervision on the sector, clarifying that this role should be represented by setting up the necessary general strategy for output process in addition to directing private sector activities.

The second suggestion, the official said calls on the government to provide the appropriate atmosphere to meet the basic requirements of the sector in order to achieve the necessary economic boom.

According to the official, the first sugges-tion will be preferred for Kuwait, clarifying that the said suggestion will realise the decentralisation system which will be qualified to attract efficient cadres.

He warned against monopoly during the privatisation process, clarifying that privatising of the educational and health services for example should be awarded to several rival corporations. Speaking of the post-oil stage, the official

said that this stage will constitute challenge number one, as the country would like not to rely entirely on oil revenues but on other industrial and financial incomes.

He added that the Kuwaiti community should accept the challenge and should prepare itself to accommodate the change.

Doha, Qatar.

GCC rectors

meet in Qatar

THE Fourth symposium for university rectors of GCC mem-

ber states held its first work ses-

sion yesterday evening at the

Arabian education office in

The four days symposium on

the role of universities in facing

modern challenges will discuss a number of researches and work

papers related to economic, cul-

tural and technological challen-

ges in the modern age.

During its first session, the

symposium will review a study

presented by Dr Asama Abdul

Rahman, the professor at the

Administration and Economy College at King Saud University

in Riyadh on the economical and

The study also discused econ-

omical challenges, the weakness of the economical structure and

the population imbalances

caused by the great dependence on foreign labour. Other aspects

included a full illustration on the technological challenges with the absence of co-ordination in the

A full view on the situation of

universities was presented by the study stressing the fact that

universities in the area do not

play an important role in facing these challenges.

research field.

technological challenge.



# United Yemen prime objective, says Nu'man

#### Negotiations with US to renew ties

urged Arab states to work for

stability and peace saying that

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (Kuna): Democratic Yemen's Premier Dr Yasin Saeed Nu'man today left here winding up an official threeday visit to Kuwait.

Nu'man was seen off at Kuwait International Airport by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, ministers, senior officials at HH's Diwan and Foreign Ministry and Arab and foreign ambassadors.

In a press conference prior to his departure Nu'man praised Kuwaiti-Yemeni relations describing them as distinct, based on mutual respect and confidence "to face all factors of backwardness in the Arab world." He told reporters, that his

talks with HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah tackled many issues of interest concerning the two brotherly countries in addition to Arab questions in general.

Nu'man stressed that talks with the Kuwaiti leadership were frank and covered current developments in the Arab arena and problems facing Arab people, including colonialist and Zionist-created factors of disintegration and backwardness.

He said the view-points of the two sides were identical and complemented each other on several questions, noting that Kuwait had implemented a number of developmental projects in his country that included economic, agricultural ones, beside executing other schemes in health and social fields.

In this regard, he expressed his country's gratitude and appreciation for assistance extended by Kuwait to Democratic Yemen over all phases of its development, a mat-

#### Father of rape victim to sue TEC

SECURITYMEN of Fahaheel police station have apprehended the rapist who attempted to sexually assault a seven-year-old girl at a TEC ladies' room a couple of days

ago.
The victim identified the suspect from a police line-up.
The incident occurred on the Mangaf beach when the vic-tims left her playmates to go to the toilet where she was accosted by the suspect. His attempts at sexually assaulting her were thwarted by the sudden appearance of a lady. However, he pushed her to the ground and managed to

The child rushed back to her parents crying that a man tried to kill her. Her father rushing to the toilet found the lady still unconscious on the ground and had her rushed to the hospital.

ter that enables the country encounter factors of backwardness and colonialism. The Yemeni prime minister

was the only means for realising aspirations of the Arab people. Causes He expressed satisfaction over the Iraq-Iran ceasefire and said it had been one of the major factors

in bringing back tranquility to the Gulf region. He also referred to current deliberations between Lebanese deputies in the Saudi resort city of Taif and said he was optimistic

that the MPs' talks would yield an outcome that would preserve Lebanon's sovereignty, unity and Arabism. Nu'man reiterated that the Palestinian cause represents the Arabs first pre-occupation and lauded the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories saying it has created a historic chance for the Palestin-ian people to fulfil the Arab

dream of restoring the usurped homeland. He asserted that his government supports any initiative that recognises the Palestinian peoples right to return to their homeland and the establishment

of an independent state On the proposed unity bet-ween the two Yemens, Nu man said "that was our prime task" and pointed out that "distinctive steps" had been achieved over the past two years to realise this great national goal.

He emphasised that the two sectors of Yemen have agreed on free movement of citizens into either country without any complications or formalities, adding that there were no obstacles blocking the unification.

But he said the objective would certainly be reached after finalisation of solid bases which constitute an important factor for success. He said the coming days would carry "good news" in this regard.

#### Reservations Nu'man denied that his coun-

try has made reservations on the foundation of the Gulf Cooperation Council or the Arab Co-operation Council, saying "on the contrary, Democratic Yemen has welcomed these gatherings as long as they are established on realistic views to achieve political and economic objectives in the national Arab fram-

The Yemeni prime minister disclosed that negotiations bet-ween Aden and Washington

were underway to restore diplomatic ties, severed in 1968. He denied that there were any pre-conditions set up in these negotiations by any side other than mutual-interests of avoiding reasons which caused the severance.

Nu man's news conference at "Al Salam" palace here, was attended by Yemeni Foreign Minister Dr Abdel Aziz Al Dali, Information Minister Dr Mohammad Jarhoum and Kuna's Deputy Director-Generai Ahmad Dashti. Reuter adds: The prime mini-ster of South Yemen, the Arab

world's only Marxist-ruled state, said today his country had begun negotiations with the United States to restore diplomatic relations broken off 20 years ago. "Discussions between Democratic Yemen and the United States began around 10

days ago and are taking a good and normal course," Nu'man In the last few months South Yemen's leaders, who took power in a coup in 1986, have

been introducing reforms to liberalise the political system and economy of one of the world's poorest countries. Nu'man said talks were being held in New York between the head of the Yemeni delegation to the United Nations, Abdullah Al Ashtal, and America's UN

The talks had been arranged through Kuwaiti mediation, he

Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

The next round was due to start

"We said (to the Americans) that we hope the reasons that led to the breaking of relations in 1968 would not be repeated. We also called for non-intervention, etc., but the talks are going on in a normal way," said Nu'man. South Yemen suffered a series

of internal revolts following the withdrawal of British troops and its independence in late 1967. The government blamed the problems on outside powers. Aden's leftist leaders allied

themselves with the Soviet Union, which gave them military equipment. Diplomats in Kuwait cautioned that it might take a

period of dialogue before ties with Washington were re-establ-Nu'man also said South Yemen was preparing to hold elections, but mentioned no date. "Any citizen ready to nomin-

ate himself for elections can

present a programme," he said.

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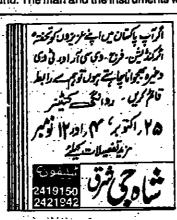
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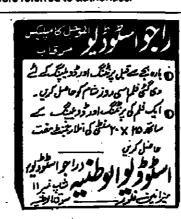


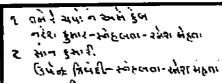
Moonshine maker arrested

AHMADI securitymen arrested Lancy S., Indian national for manufacturing and selling local liquor. The man was caught red handed while selling two bottles of liquor and on searching his residence the instruments for making the liquor were found. The man and the instruments were referred to authorities.









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**Thought for today** 

BLESSED is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact --George Eliot; English Novelist (1819-1880).

# A bloodbath is almost certain

troops prepare to pull out of Sri Lanka, Tamil boys are being taken from their villages to fight a war the world's fourth largest army could not win.

Boys, some appearing as young as 14, are being trained under the eyes of Indian Army officers for what Western diplomats believe will be a one-sided battle with the Tamil Tigers, a fanatical and disciplined guerrilla force. "It's going to be a bloodbath," said one diplomat.

A recent visit to a training camp near the eastern port city of Trincomalee found hundreds of teenagers drilling with Indian-made weapons. Their instructors admitted they had been forcibly conscripted.

Indian troops arrived in Sri Lanka in 1987 under an accord between Colombo and New Delhi to help end a separatist rebellion in the Tamil-dominated north and east of the island.

After a brutal war against the Sri Lankan Army, the Tigers turned their guns on the Indians.

The Tigers' main guerrilla rivals, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), co-operated with India and are now New Delhi's clients.

With their patrons packing to leave, the EPRLF is scouring villages to conscript fighters for the coming war. Diplomats make comparisons with Vietnam when tottering forces left behind by the retreating US military were mauled by their communist enemies.

EPRLF cadres at the Trincomalee camp said 540 youths, all 18 or older, were being given six months of basic training. Other camps operated nearby and the aim was eventually to create a 30,000-strong militia.

"I'm in charge here," announced a cadre named Kali, who said he was 22 and already a six-year veteran of

As he spoke, the conscripts were put through punishing physical exercises under the burning sun by instructors who lashed out with short bamboo sticks to enforce

Some of the conscripts were clearly as young as 14 or 15, baby-faced and cowed.

"They don't worry about missing school," said Kali. "They just want to give good protection to the Tamils."
The Indian Army, officially described as a peace-keeping force, denies it is arming and training Tamil

guerrillas. But it owns the Trincomalee camp, according to an Indian officer there, and defends it with troops manning sand-bagged positions inside the perimeter The Indian Army is effectively the government of large parts of northern and eastern Sri Lanka. Foreign jour-

nalists visiting the area must apply for a pass from the Indian high commission in Colombo, not the Sri Lankan government. Numerous road-blocks are manned exclusively by

Indian soldiers and nothing moves without their approval. Sri Lankan troops are nowhere in sight.

Tiger rebels have killed more than 1,000 Indian soldiers in two years. Western diplomats say they will savage the boys of the EPRLF, whose young leaders roar around in brand new jeeps, revelling in their power.

In 1987, 14 Tigers captured by the Sri Lankan military were taken to an air base to be flown to Colombo. Facing certain execution, all swallowed cyanide capsules and dropped dead on the runway.

Western diplomats say the Tigers, ruthlessly committed to the cause of a separate state for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority, have widespread support among villagers who respect their discipline and idealism.

"If there were free elections there tomorrow, the Tigers would win 60 per cent of the vote," said one diplomat. In a rare interview, EPRLF leader leader K. Pathmanabha denied the conscripts were being trained to fight the Tigers. "There are lots of good elements among the Tigers. They are in a minority, but we're trying to make them a majority."

"Our main enemy is the Sri Lankan government," he said. "We want to safeguard our people. We don't want to be refugees again in our own country.' He admitted teenagers were being conscripted to his

militia force. "But conscription happens in America, Britain and every country," he said.

Although New Delhi has pledged to do its best to

withdraw its estimated 41,000 troops from Sri Lanka by the end of the year, it is clear the Indian Army is reluctant to abandon its Tamil clients to the Tigers.

Trincomalee residents said there was no sign of a mass withdrawal of Indian troops or equipment. One resident whose home overlooks the port said no more than a few hundred men had boarded ships for home.

#### TODAY IN HISTORY

1537 - Britain's Queen Jane Seymour dies following birth of Prince Edward. 1648 - Peace of Westphalia ends thirty years war; European

nations recognize independence of Netherlands. 1795 - Poland is partitioned by Prussia, Austria and Russia.

1860 - China ratifies treaties with Britain and France.

1909 — Russia and Italy sign agreement to preserve status quo in the Balkans.

1922 — Dail adopts constitution for Irish free state.

1929 - Prices collapse on New York Stock Exchange.

1934 - Mahatma Gandhi withdraws from Indian National

1945 — United Nations charter goes into effect as Soviet Union

becomes 29th nation to ratify it. 1954 - State of emergency is declared in Pakistan.

1961 - Protests are made at United Nations after Soviet Union

explodes largests nuclear bomb ever tested. 1962 — US blockades Cuba.

1964 - Northern Rhodesia, renamed Zambia, becomes

independent Republic. 1967 - Egyptian oil installations in Port City of Suez are set

ablaze by Israeli artillery fire across Suez Canal. 1975 - Turkey's ambassador to France is fatally shot in Paris

1986 - Britain breaks diplomatic relations with Syria after jury convicts Arab man of trying to blow up an Israeli airliner. 1988 - Muslim rebels claim to have seized another provincial capital in Afghanistan.

#### Lebanese, regardless of sects or affiliations, spent

King out to dethrone a king

Opposition groups plagued by feuds

VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH is called king in Manda, the Spartan and lonely domain in north India he inherited from his father. But Singh has his

sights on a larger kingdom.

The 58-year-old politician has emerged as Prime
Minister Rajiv Gandhi's principal challenger in next
month's general election and the chief tormentor of the party that has dominated India for most of its 42 years of independence.

Singh is attempting to galvanize a loose grouping of opposition parties spanning the ideological spec-trum — from communists to right wing ethnic parties — to oust the man he once called his leader

But the opposition groups, collectively known as the National Front, are plagued by highly publicized feuds and appear to have little in com-mon save their opposition to Rajiv and his Congress

Party.

One month ago, a unified opposition seemed possible as Hindu activists joined ardent communists in mass demonstrations against the government. But recent outbreak of hindu-Muslim and some around India have led the communists and some centrists to question the viability of a broad opposition alliance.

And it is hard to predict how, if at all, India's social, economic and foreign policies would change if power switched from a Congress to an opposition government in voting on Nov 22, 24 and 26.

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The National Front's platform, apart from accusing the Rajiv government of tolerating corruption, offers no radical departure from goals outlined by Congress Party governments. Both sides speak of easing poverty and strife in this ethnically and linguistically diverse country of 880 million people. Except for government corruption, Singh himself has voiced few opinions.

Political analysts say Singh changes his

Political analysts say Singh changes his ideological colour so often and with such definess that it has become almost impossible to place him in

He has been hailed as the messiah of Indian politics and nicknamed Mr Clean. He has been called a paper tiger, a fraud and has been villified by numerous people, including former allies high in the

"V.P. Singh is a cobra. He was fed on the milk of the Congress Party and now he is injecting poison into the Congress Party," said Kalpnath Rai, a Congress Party leader. "He should be hanged for

Singh, a balding, bespectacled man with a small moustache, is aware of the importance of image but opposes personality politics.

I have always taken the stand that we have to shift from personal appeal to issues," he said. "This is the way a democracy moves and it's the issues which are agitating the peoples' minds.

"The biggest issue is the feeling that the people have been tremendously let down by the present regime and there is rampant corruption at the top,

When Singh was 5, his biological father, the Rajah (king) of Daiya gave him to the Rajah of Manda, who was childless. He was the sole heir when his adoptive father died six years later. His childhood was lonely.

Prohibited from seeing his real family for years, the shy youngster turned to poetry and painting. After his adoptive father's death, other claiming blood ties threatened him. He was escorted by armed guards everywhere, even to school. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi outlawed royal

titles in the early 1970s, but people in Manda still call

Singh the Rajah. While in college, Singh became interested in politics and eventually joined the Congress Party. In 1974, Indira Gandhi named him a deputy minister of commerce and two years later promoted him to minister of state for commerce. He served in the post until Indira Gandhi was ousted in the 1977

parliamentary election that installed India's only



V.P. Singh: tormentor

non-Congress government since the country gained independence from Britain in 1947. When she was brought back to power after the

opposition government disintegrated in 1979, Singh was inducted into her cabinet as commerce minister. After Indira Gandhi's assassination in 1984, her son succeeded her in a landslide and picked Singh as one of the "whiz kids" who would lead the world's

most populous democracy into the 21 century. Singh became a champion of political morality, a campaign for which he was sacked as finance minister and defence minister and then expelled from the

Congress Party two years later. Although he made a great show of renouncing political office, he was embraced by the opposition, former Congress Party members who bitterly

opposed Indira and later her son. Today, the opposition — at least for the moment

-has accepted Singh as its leader. His protestations about shunning positions of power have been set

Most analysts say the average Indian voter has been numbed by charges of high-level corruption and is more concerned about unemployment and rising prices.

"I am not saying that corruption is a new thing that there was no corruption before Rajiv Gandhi's time," Singh said. "Big money always has been close

But there was a difference. The moneybags might have funded politics, but they could not influence decisions. Politicians were like charioteers and big money was the horse pulling the chariot. Now Rajiv Gandhi has become the horse and big business has climbed into the charioteer's seat.

# (New Delhi - AP) Dam or doom: a clash at Harsud

CHILDREN draw pencil sketches of their homes so they can remember the place where they grew up. Their parents no longer care about repairing their

huts, and traders do not bother to drum up business. Harsud is one of 573 villages destined to drown in a giant dam-building project that pits environmental concerns against India's attempts at moderniza-

The government says the \$15-billion project on central India's Narmada River will irrigate droughtstricken farmland and provide electrical power. Critics say it will displace one million people and

create an ecological disaster.
"What is the use of the dam that will be our doom?" asked Naginchand Sand, a local business-

Last month environmentalists and 35,000 villagers descended on Harsud, a town of 15,000, and denounced the project as a "human and environmental tragedy."

India has so far built 1,500 big dams. But it also has the world's second-highest rate of failures with

9.2 per cent or 40 of the 433 dams built betwen 1874 and 1975 bursting or becoming inefficient because of siltation, according to the international commis-

sion on large dams. The United States has the largest rate of failures of dams — 11 per cent, the commission said.

A man who runs a grocery shop near Sand's fertilizer store said he planned to expand his business. But after the project was announced in 1987 "all my dreams ended," he said.
"A sort of gloom descended on the village. But

now with the massive protest there is fresh hope," he added, speaking on condition of anonymity. According to the World Bank. Indian government documents and environmentalists, the Nar-

mada project in Madhya Pradesh state would make it the largest system of dams in the world. It was proposed in 1949 and envisages 30 major,

135 medium and 3,000 minor dams along the 1,300km (805-mile) river and its 41 tributaries. Clearance for the project took nearly four decades because of bureaucratic delays. So far, only three dams have been built —all in places where the reservoirs did not submerge villages.

Foundations have been started for two more dams, including the one that would flood Harsud and 253 other villages. Another dam under construction would flood 234 additional villages, while smaller dams in the Narmada plan would inundate 85 others, according to Claude Alvares, an Indian environmentalist.

The river, one of the holiest in the Hindu faith. originates in a pond 540 kms (335 miles) east of Harsud and runs through lush forests, farmland and rocky gorges before reaching the Arabian Sea on India's western coast. According to an ancient belief, the Narmada was formed from the tears of Shiva, one of the gods of the Hindu trinity.

About 21 million people, 80 per cent of them tribespeople and villagers, live in the Narmada basin, surrounded on three sides by mountains and on the fourth by the sea.

If the river is dammed, 600,000 hectares (2,410 square miles) of forests and farmland will be submerged and about one million people will be displaced, said Ashish Kothari of Kalpavriksh, an independent environmental group. These figures are corroborated by other independent groups. No official estimates are available.

Harsud will disappear under under 50 feet (15 metres) of water when one of the major dams of the project, the Indira Sagar, is built 25 kms (15 miles)

The government says the dams are necessary to usher in "an era of prosperity" in the valley because, the dams are intended to irrigate five million hec-tares (20,000 square miles) in drought prone areas

of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining Gujarat state. The project also is supposed to generate 2,700 megawatts of electricity. As for those evicted, the government says it has prepared extensive rehabilitation plans, including monetary compensa-

"Who wants money? I want my land. Will you feel nice if the land that gives you food is drowned," asked farmer Bhure Singh of Mallangaon. He travelled 250 kms (155 miles) on the roof of a crowded bus to participate in the protest at Harsud.

Kothari said the rehabilitation "looks to me a bit like a Catch-22 situation." He said there won't be enough land left in the area to rehabilitate so many people if the dams are built. The government also plans to create forests to

replace the forests that will be lost. But Kothari says those planting projects cannot replace the hundreds of thousands of species of plants and animals in the

Another objection is the project's Rs 250 billion (\$15 billion) price tag that some economists say is far underestimated. The World Bank has promised to loan \$450 million.

Gerald Fauss, a senior irrigation engineer with the World Bank, said a project of Narmada's size is bound to create "some environmental disturb-

"But the trade-off is that thousands and thousands of people benefit from it. We still feel that the project is technically and economically feasi-

# Lebanese are united for peace pact

WAR-sickened Lebanese are united in their thirst for peace but divided whether a pact reached in Saudi Arabia can end their 14 years of suffering. "Syria out, Syria out," shouted scores of students,

waving red-and-white Lebanese flags and pictures of Christian Army Chief General Michel Aoun, the leading voice for rejection of the Arab-brokered

On the other side of the green line which splits Beirut into Christian and Muslim halves, Ali Jaber, a Muslim resident, said: "Peace, at any cost, is a great achievement because the war is no longer a tool for political progress."

much of the morning discussing whether the pact endorsed by Christian and Muslim members of parliament on Sunday in the Saudi resort of Taif would be followed by more war or a further fragile

After 14 years of civil conflict and the devastating March-to-September battle of Beirut between Aoun's troops and Syrian forces, real peace seemed too much to hope for.

Many of the people interviewed by Reuters of Many of the people interviewed by Readers of Monday hailed the pact, largely because they felt it aimed to consolidate September's ceasefire.

"We've been longing for peace. I don't support any of the political leaders. I only care for my daily

bread. I just want to provide my children with food," said Ahmed Kamel, a shoe shiner.

"The pact is worthless. It is just ink on paper. Let's see it implemented on the ground first and then we

can have hopes," he said.

Hassan Jassem, a vegetable vendor, said: "We want to have a break. This war wasn't a war of liberation but a war of destruction."

"As soon as they talk about peace, Aoun gives a heated statement and fighting starts all over again. We want it to end once and forever. We had enough," he said.

This agreement even on paper is better than rockets and shells," he added.

# Progress hinders

# No strong leaders

WITH both the PLO and Israel rejecting US proposals for dialogue, efforts to arrange Palestinian-Israeli negotiations appear to have reached a low point.

Among the rensons for the stalement is the fierce opposition of hardliners on both sides, and the lack of strong leadership that can overcome the resistance.

We are not in an era of great leadership," said Avraham Sela, a political science professor at Hebrew University in Occupied Jerusalem.
The problem is that both sides are in a quandary because of internal politics."

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Daoud Kuttab, a Palestinian journalist, said there is no far-sightedness in Israel, not enough statesmanship in the United States and general apathy in the Arab world."

In Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

74, has portrayed Egyptian and US efforts to bring about talks with Palestinians as disguised attempts at forcing Israel to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Palestine Liberation Organization.
Digging in his heels, Shamir said in a speech last week that "this is our land from the dawn of history, and it will be so always. We will not be

pushed nor pressured."
While Shamir has eased his rhetoric following criticism by the US State Department, his ability to compromise is limited because hawks in his own right-wing Likud bloc, led by exdefence Minister Ariel Sharon, have put condi-

tions on his peace proposals.

The hawks oppose trading land for peace, curtailing Jewish settlement building in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip or even starting talks until the 22-month Palestinian uprising has been put down.

Part of the reason for a lack of progress,

however, also lies in Shamir himself. He lacks the strength of Likud founder and ex-premier Menachem Begin, who arm-wrestled sceptical colleagues into making peace with Egypt in Shamir also viewed by some analysts as an inflexible ideologue who did not support the peace treaty with Egypt and who does not want

lead to yielding or allowing exiled Palestinians 'Shamir sees clearly the eventual results and doesn't want to get into it. It is not a matter of

to risk getting into any process now that would

discussions and proposals," said Sela.

The rival Labour Party advocates negotiations without further delay. But its leader, Finance Minister Shimon Peres, has lacked the muscle in his party to force the issue, although there are hints he may take action if Shamir returns empty handed from a trip to Washing-

ton next month. . The internal Palestinian debate is almost as intense as that in Israel. The only united stand came in Baghdad, Iraq, recently where PLO leaders rejected US Secretary of State James Baker's compromise proposals as an attempt to

circumvent the PLO. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has spent most of his time battling hardliners within his movement rather than assuaging Israeli doubts about his sincerity in pledging to renounce

terror and accepting the Jewish state. Palestinian Islamic fundamentalists have rejected any idea of a peace agreement. George Habash, a leading PLO leftist, has threatened to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak if he continued to promote a Palestin-

The confusing rhetoric from the Palestinian side has failed to persuade the Israeli in the street of Arafat's sincerity in seeking peace or his ability to live up to an agreement.

ian-Israeli meeting in Cairo.

Hence there is little pressure in Shamir to make concessions or reign in his own hardlin-Arab countries, with the exception of Egypt,

have been silent or negative about the peace efforts. This has reinforced Israel doubts about Arab intentions and has led to bitterness on the part of Palestinians. Saeb Erakat, a leading Palestinian activist and political scientist at An Najah University in the West Bank, said Arab countries failed to

provide adequate political or financial backing to the Palestinians. He said Arab states feared a successful uprising against Israel could prompt challenges to their own regimes.

The Arab masses might imitate and revolt against their regimes. That's why the Arab world does not support the uprising," he said.
The United States also has been the target of criticism from Paletinians and Israelis for not

taking a more active role. In an editorial, the Labour-affiliated Daver newspaper said the proposals to hold Palestinians - Israeli talks in Cairo about Shamir's plan for elections in the occupied territories was

headed for failure. The responsibility for that is mainly with the Americans," the newspaper said, predicting a slow slide into violence unless the administration of President George Bush stakes its prestige on forcing agreement. (Occupied Jerusalem --- AP)

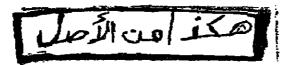
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"It was a very tough fight, he was very strong. This was a test of character. I proved I am a world champion. You have to dig down and bring it all up. I'm still champion of the world." — Glenn McCrory after a victory over South African Siza Makhathini in an IBF cruiserweight fracas.

"The fight is from one to 12 rounds. I knew it would be hard. I had all the people behind me and I ain't no quitter. I'll fight till there's nothing left. I proved I had toughness dedication and the house left. dedication and the heart of a champion. When you got that you can beat anybody."—Briton Glenn McCrory after a 11th round knockout victory over South African Size Makhatini in London.

"I was born here. My father and grandfather were born here. This is home and I want it to be my children's home. Why shouldn't we come back? The Soviets are gone and God willing, peace will come soon." — An Afghan refugee who returned from Pakistan due to no-win no-lose situation in the civil mar.

"Menacing clouds are gathering over Scnegal's horizon which herald stormy times ahead for the government." — The independent weekly Sud-Hebdo echoing the general sentiment in Senegal over tax hikes and increases on recommendation from the World Bank.



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# Beirut police showing its face again

BEIRUT, Oct 23, (AP): One night police detectives raided several bars in Beirut's Christian and Muslim sectors, arresting a dozen people in an operation underlining that law enforcement still exists in Beirut.

For years, the 7,000-member police force was a virtual bystander in the civil war and the feuds between heavily armed militias, powerless to staunch the lawlessness that has engulfed this Mediterranean country since 1975.

But since an Arab League-brokered ceasefire halted six months of fighting between Syrians and Christians on Sept 22, whe police slowly have begun enforcing the law again.
"We're like the turtle. It moves slowly. but in the end, when no one expects it, it gets to where it's going," said Col. Nabil Al Zein, a senior aide to Beirut's chief of detectives, Brig. Gen. Issam Abu Zaki.

As the war dragged on, killings, robberies, kidnappings and drug abuse went virtually unchecked. There have been 60,000 bank hold-ups since 1975, according to police statistics.

Much of this was by unruly militias, who maintained their own rough justice. usually summary executions for those who violated their rules.

Street crime also was rampant, fueled by a sharply deteriorating economy. Lebanon, long a major source of hashish and lately beroin, itself became a thriving domestic market as war-traumatised voungsters turned to narcotics.

Lebanon's prisons and courts ceased to function years ago. Militiamen have emptied the prisons many times, freeing friends and relatives and leaving the gates open for other inmates. An estimated 7,000 murderers, rapists, gunmen and thieves have been freed like this since 1975.

But Beirut police are hitting back. Last May, amid the Syrian-Christian the central prison in West Beirut, killing a police sergeant.

Most were recaptured by police and headquarters ordered the arrest of the gunmen hiding out with the militias in the mountains. Last week, a patrol spotted one of the raiders in West Beirut and he was shot to death when he tried to pull a

The force comprises a detective division, vice, riot and traffic squads, a police academy and units of gendarmes who operate in the countryside.



Arab peace erwcy Lakhdar Ibrahimi protected by an armed Lebanese policeman and a Syrian bodyguard as he enters the house of acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss in West Beirut. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Release assets to gain freedom of 18, US told

Iran rules out American role in reconstruction

TEHRAN, Oct 23, (Agencies): President Hashemi Rafsanjani said today his country could help gain freedom for 18 Westerners held hostage in Lebanon if the United States released billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets.

Rafsanjani said failing that, Washington, if it wants Iran's help on the issue, must at least put pressure on those he said were holding Iranians in Lebanon to free them or to reveal their fate.

He appeared to be referring to three Iranians who were kidnapped by the Lebanese Forces militia in north Lebanon in 1982, along with their Lebanese driver, a Shiite Muslim.

# Mystery surrounds Rafsanjani's move

TEHRAN, Oct 23, (UPI): Post-Khomeini Iran appeared a calmer nation today compared to a year ago, as droves of Western journalists and camera crews arrived in the Iranian capital to attend a news conference by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. But the attention of the man in the street focused mainly on the

struggle for economic survival. Rafsanjani, elected president in July only weeks after the death of spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, was still consolidating his position and faced pressure from radical clerics.

But he appeared to be sufficiently in control to invite droves of foreign journalists into the country for a news conference, without the purpose being immediately apparent.
"What have all these journalists come for," an official at Tehran

airport asked with a hint of alarm. Since the 1979 revolution that toppled the Shah, the presence of large numbers of foreign journalists has been associated with crisis.

Rafsanjani has not hinted what the news conference was to be about, but Western diplomats speculated he may make an important announcement about the status of Western hostages in Lebanon.

Senior leaders of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in Lebanon, including Ayatollah Sayed 970 seni Padlollah arrived in Tehran last week and met both Rafsanjani and spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, but there was no immediate confirmation the hostages centred in their discussions.

Iranian sources with access to the ruling clergy said the Hezbollah group were in Tehran to co-ordinate with Iran on resisting a settlement of the Lebanese civil war, which Lebanese deputies gathered in Saudi Arabia agreed yesterday.

But Taif and even the Western hostages in Lebanon were furtherest

from the minds of ordinary Iranians, who talked mainly about the economic struggle in their own country.

Foremost in most Iranian's minds were the cost of living, unemployment, closed factories, low pay and shortages of almost everything

As Rafsanjani was set to press ahead with crash programmes of reconstruction and economic reform, the mood of the man in the street ranged from pessimism and anger about what one Iranian called "the economic mess" in the country, to a glimmer of hope that Rafsanjani could get things moving again 'if they will allow him.'

The speaker's use of the word "they" alluded to the radical clerics who were still resisting moves for a change and economic reform which the new president has launched, in his bid to reconstruct the country after eight years of war with Iraq.

#### US spies to be exposed NICOSIA, Oct 23, (Reuter): Iran said yesterday it would present

several US spies at a news conference next month and invited

foreign journalists to attend. "Several arrested US spies in Iran will disclose information on their activities and contacts with Washington," said the official Irna news agency, monitored in Nicosia.

It quoted a statement from the Islamic Guidance Ministry as inviting foreign journalists and cameramen to arrange to attend the news conference, which it said would take place between Nov

Iran reported in April it had arrested a number of Iranians who it said worked for the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"If the conditions are right we might be able to do something" about the abducted Westerners, who include eight Americans, he said during

The hostages, who include eight Americans, are believed to be held by pro-Iranian groups. Rafsanjani said hostage taking is an "inhuman action" that can produce no positive political results.

Responding to a question from an American reporter, Rafsanjani said he had proposed "two methods" that the United States could use

graves."

"The first is that as a sign of

goodwill, you release our assets.

This is something that you will

have to do, and sooner or later

you will be forced to do it. So do it

can get your agents, your lackeys

in Lebanon to release our hos-

tages. If you say they are not alive, at least you can give us back their bodies or show us their

The assets have been frozen

Earlier Rafsanjani argued that

the United States was keeping

the issue of the American hos-

tages in Lebanon alive "mainly

the Islamic Republic of Iran, and

Asked about prospects of an

improvement in relations with Washington, he said there had

not been any direct contacts bet-

ween the two governments since

a secret visit by former US

National Security Adviser

Three American hostages

were released between Novem-

ber 1985 and September 1986. In

return. Iran secretly received

weapons and spare parts from

"But there have been indirect

contacts" since 1986, Rafsanjani

said "We have received mes-

sages through two neighbouring

countries from the United

States." He did not identify the

"In these messages they told us they have no ill-will toward us

and want to solve the problem

with us," he said. "But we still

have no confidence in what they

say. We ask for signs and indica

tions of goodwill on their part."

Rafsanjani said these views

had been relayed to the United

States through the unspecified

Rafsanjani said that Iran

stood by Ayatollah Khomeini's

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man Rushdie are the same as

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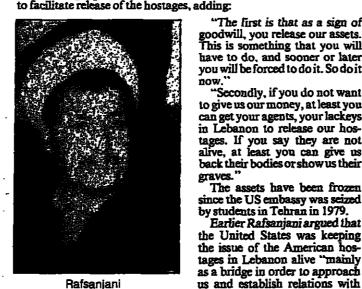
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by students in Tehran in 1979.

Secondly, if you do not want to give us our money, at least you



Rafsanjani

#### Match words with action, GCC tells Iran

ABU DHABI, Oct 23, (Reuter): The Arab states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) want Iran to match its words with practical action to Saudi Arabia, a senior GCC official said today.

"Iran has improved relations with most GCC countries but there is still a weak point in its approach, which is its dispute with the Saudis," the GCC assistant secretary-general for political affairs said in an interview. GCC member Oman was mediating in an attempt to solve the dispute, Saif Bin Hashil Al-Maskari said dur-

ing a visit to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). "If Iran wants to develop good relations with the GCC, it should do so with all member states. We do not

want any distinction," said Maskari. The UAE and Oman have maintained good relations with Iran. Other GCC members Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar have improved their nes with Tehran since the end of the Iran-Iraq war last year.

"Iranian campaigns against Saudi Arabia are undoubtedly affecting development of ties with other GCC members," said Maskari. Maskari said the effects of the

eight-year war and the lack of a stable peace had held back full development of the GCC but he was more stic about the futur

"The war had a material and psy-chological impact on the GCC. It sapped more than 60 per cent of our efforts," he said.

## Fear of food shortage in Kabul

WASHINGTON, Oct 23. (Kuna): Acute food shortages this winter will bring on a host of ills among Afghan civilians, United Nations officials warned yester-

day.
Speaking in Geneva, Switzerland, they said outright starvation does not appear to be on the cards. Instead, he referred to "what we call secondary starva-tion: people weakened by lack of food dying of such diseases as

The officials note that only 10,000 tons of the 30,000 tons they want for the rural Afghaus have been donated by various nations, including 7,000 tons from the

They express disappointment that the US and some other countries are unwilling to do more until the return of the three million Afghan refugees who flooded into neighbouring Pakistan during the nine-year guerrilla war. Some analysts believe the US

reluctance is based on the desire to appear not to be bolstering in any way the government of pro-Soviet Afghan leader Najibullah. Most of the 10,000 tons of foodstuffs - intended mainly for the

old, the ill and children - will be distributed through the Afghan Red Crescent, UN officials said. Prince Sadruddin, UN co-ordinator for refugee relief, told

the New Times. 'We're not concerned about feeding the populations of the cities; that's the responsibility of the government. We are concerned about the vulnerable groups who may be bypassed."

More than a dozen rockets slammed yesterday into a military base used to fire missiles on rebel positions, witnesses said. But the government denied the base had been hit.

The government said five people had been hurt in 15 rocket strikes around the capital. Witnesses reported three deaths.

Residents of Kabel's northwest corner said more than a dozen rockets landed in the Kargha military base during a two-bour stretch last morning. One man who lives across the

street from the base said the rockets kicked up large clouds of dust inside the base, and said he could bear sirens going off inside the Throughout the morning, Soviet-made missiles were fired

from the base at what are believed to be rebel strongholds in the Paghman mountains outside Kahul. For a time, the firing came at 30-second intervals.

Near the base, witnesses said one woman was killed when a rocket crashed into her mud bouse and exploded. A child was injured when a rocket plowed through a mad wall and sprayed shrapacl around a courtyard where he was playing, they said. Two people walking a cow were

killed when a rocket crashed into a nearby elementary school and exploded, according to witnesses. Fifteen prominent Afghans have formed an independent peace

group to mediate between the Soviet-backed government and muiahedeen to end the country's 11-year civil war. Pakistan and Afghanistan have

lodged thousands of complaints with the United Nations of interference in one another's affairs, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar reported today. He also said a political solution to the Afghan war remains elusive and the situation in Afghanistan "continues to be a tragedy for its population."

#### Stop interfering, urges Unifil

# Amal seizes 3 SLA men

TYRE, Oct 23, (Agencies): The Shiite Muslim Amal militia said today it captured three fighters of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army in Israel's selfdesignated border "security zone."

Amal produced the trio at a news conference in the southern port city of Tyre, which is outside the Israeli zone and the area policed by United Nations peacekeeping forces in south Lebanon. Amal said its gunmen were on a reconnaissance

mission inside the zone when they came across the SLA militiamen. The three, all Shiites from the border village of Aita El Shaab, identified themselves as Youssef Mohammed Rida, 18; Youssef Ali Saad, 21; and

Nabil Moustafa Dakdouk, 19. They said they were on leave and were on a hunting trip in the Salhani valley, in the border enclave, when they were ambushed by Amal gun-

men who found their SLA identity cards. In a related development, United Nations peacekeeping forces in south Lebanon have demanded Israel stop the SLA from interfering with UN forces "We complain to the IDF (Israeli army) because

we hold them responsible," said Goksel In the most recent incident, an SLA unit on Thursday fired several rounds over the heads of Norwegian Unifil soldiers at a post in Shaba village just north of the Israeli-Lebanese border at Mount

A Dutch journalist was jailed by the Lebanese Army last month and accused of espionage and possession of illegal drugs, a Dutch broadcasting company which employs him said today.

Journalist Charles Van Der Leeuw, who works for Veronica Broadcasters and other Dutch and Belgian media, was arrested on Sept 28 and has since been in jail, a Veronica spokesman said.

He was arrested by Lebanese security officials who said they found four grams (one-seventh of an ounce) of hashish and a map of Lebanon with military bases marked on it during a search of his

# Shamir's US trip in doubt

#### Differences over peace plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 23, (Agencies): Aides to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he may cancel a visit to Washington next month unless Israel and the United States can bridge key differences over Mid-dle East peace moves, a leading Israeli daily reported today. Shamir's adviser Avi Pazner

denied the mid-November trip was in doubt but confirmed in a telephone interview that disagreement persisted between the two countries over how to implement Israel's proposed elections in the occupied territories.

"We hope this will all be straightened out before the meeting with Bush," Pazner said.
The report on Shamir's trip in

the mass-circulation Maariv newspaper followed a speech last night in which the prime minister exhorted the Americans to be more patient in peace efforts. Speaking on behalf of his

right-wing Likud blocata labour union election rally in the port of Ashdod, Shamir said: someone in the United States is in a hurry and wants to take a short cut, we say that not every short path is the right one."

Shamir added he hoped to reach an understanding with the administration of US President George Bush and rejected reported claims that he was wavering on his peace plan.

"I told him, 'know this Mr President, I am committed to every word, every comma, that was said in our peace initiative'," Shamir said, referring to a phone conversation he had with Bush

Egyptian presidential aide said today.

Rabin of the left-leaning Labour Party, meanwhile, opened a fresh debate about the American proposals by saying Israel was considering them despite Shamir's objections.
"Baker's five points have not

Defence Minister Yitzhak

been rejected or accepted. Nobody has been authorised to accept or reject them." Rabin told 500 high school students in the Tel Aviv suburb of Kfar The US-Israeli differences

arise out of American efforts to arrange a meeting with Palestinians to revive Israel's stalled election plan.

Pazner outlined the two key points in dispute as Israel's demand that the PLO be excluded from peace contacts and that the agenda for talks with Palestinians be limited to procedures for holding the elections.

In a telephone conversation on Friday, US Secretary of State James Baker rejected a request by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens to include Israel's conditions in Baker's own fivepoint plan for arranging the meeting, Pazner said. "We would like these points to

be included in the basic points, he said. "There are still differences of opinion about formulating these points. They have made some suggestions, and we are sticking to ours." Shamir, in an interview publi-

shed in Spain said that if Palestinians continue to be "dominated" by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, "there will be no peace and they will suffer more."

# mourn victims of Italy NICOSIA, Oct 23, (Reuter):

Libya to

Libya will cut itself off the rest of the world next Thursday to hold a day of mourning for victims of Italian colonialism, the official Libyan news agency Jana announced yesterday.

All international transport and communications systems will be halted to mark "the painful memory of Italian colonialism on Libya and its people," Jana quoted sources in the general people's committee for communication and navigation as

of the Ottoman Empire, in October 1911 and ruled the country until its defeat in World War Two. Libya became independent in 1951 under King Idris, who was overthrown in 1969 by revolutionary leader Muammar Khaddafi.

Italy invaded Libya, then part

"The country will mourn the memory of Libyans who were exiled or deported by the Italians during their occupation of Libya," Jana said. No official figures have been

issued on the total number of Libyans deported to Italy but the local press has been publishing daily lists of their names. Khaddafi called earlier this month for colonial reparations

from Italy and warned that the Mediterranean could become a "lake of revenge." He said that he did not want to boycott Italy, which accounts for one-third of Libya's trade, but he

#### sought "a peaceful solution before things run out of control." 127 face trial

tions from Washington on a US formula for Middle East peace talks, an "The PLO is still holding to current peace efforts," said Mohammed Abdel Moneim, head of information at the presidency.

"The PLO has not rejected (US Secretary of State James) Baker's five points but has requested some clarifications," Moneim told reporters after a 35-minute meeting between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and President Mubarak. "It is only normal that Egypt will carry these clarifications to both

PLO seeks details of US plan

Israel and the United States and get an answer," he added.

Both the PLO and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir have criticised Baker's five-point formula, but neither has so far issued an Baker has proposed a meeting in Washington with the Egyptian and

Israeli foreign ministers to discuss terms for a possible Israeli-Palestinian dialogue on the future of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza

in oil scandal CAIRO, Oct 23, (Reuter): The PLO has asked Egypt to seek clarifica-AMMAN, Oct 23, (Reuter): More

than 120 Jordanians will face trial this week for using sewage trucks to divert contaminated cooking oil to bakeries and sweetshops, a senior army officer said today.

"The trial will be over within two

weeks as we are under orders to end this matter swiftly." the officer said. A three-man military tribunal and the military attorney general indicted
127 people, including six not in custody, yesterday on charges related to
the scandal, he said.
Police seized 350 tonnes of con-

taminated oil in September and shut 14 sweetshops, bakeries and biscuit

# Aoun rejects peace plan, troops on alert

(Continued from Page 1)

Sources close to the general, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he contends that this three-man cabinet has the constitutional power to disband Parliament and proclaim martial

The administration of US President George Bush today warmly welcomed the peace plan approved by Lebanon's Parliament.

Syria's official newspaper also today welcomed an Arab-brokered peace plan.

Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss supported the plan, and said: "The only alternative we envisage to the accord is suicide.

"No one has the right to take a decision to commit suicide on behalf of the people and the nation. This could be the last chance to lead the Lebanese out of the sea of fury to the shore of peace." Aoun's main objection to the

peace accord was that it failed to fix a timetable for a Syrian troop withdrawai.

He proposed to put the plan to a referendum, offering to step

down if the Lebanese supported the pact. Under the plan, Syria's 40,000

troops who control more than 70 per cent of Lebanese territory, would redeploy in the eastern Bekaa valley in a two-year phased pullback from Beirui.

Sixty-three legislators have been meeting in Taif since Scot 30. The meeting abroad was designed to remove them from pressures by rival militia factions and warlords at home.

Fifty-nine deputies voted yesterday for the draft charter, two abstained, one voted against and one deputy did not attend

The pro-Syrian mainstream Shiite Amal militia and the Iranian-backed fundamentalist Hezbollah, rejected the accord, because it did not meet their demand for larger representa-tion for the Shiites, Lebanon's largest single sect.

Under the plan, the 99-seat chamber will be expanded to 108 equally divided between Muslims and Christians. Amal had demanded that the deputies be increased to 128, hoping to

get most of the additional seats.

#### Scientific accord: Israel and Spain on Monday signed a five year agreement to increase scientific and technical co-operation, officials said. The agreement was signed by israel's Science and Technology Ministry Burnish and the Technology Minister, Ezer Weizman, and the Spanish Education and Science Minister, Javier The agreement calls for an exchange of university

1 April . . . .

researchers, joint use of scientific facilities, and the joint relisation of research projects. (AP) Call to crush rebels: Nearly a third of Addis Ababa's population jammed the capital's Revolu-tion Square on Monday to support President Men-

gistu Haile Marism's call for war against rebels of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). With chants of "our choice is to go to the war front," an estimated 500,000-strong crowd demonstrated backing for the government which last week urged people to rise against the TPLF. (Reuter)

No private guard: Algeria's biggest Islamic fundamentalist group on Sunday denied a report in fundamentalist group on Sunday denied a report in its own newspaper that it had created a private

Abbasi Madani, spokesman of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), told Algiers radio in an interview. We have no guards. We do not need them." A report in the FIS newspaper Al Munqid last Thursday said the guards had arrested a 16-year-old for many field the guards had arrested a 16-yearold for pocketing thousands of dinars (hundreds of dollars) he had collected in the name of a prominent Islamic preacher. (Reuter)

Accused of spying: Iran's state controlled press accused reporter Farzad Bazoft on on Monday of trying while on assignment in Iraq for a the temporary, the Observer. 1808, 30, and British nurse Dapline Parish, 45, ert arrested in Sept when the reporter was following up foreign press reports of an explosion and heavy casualties at an Iraqi military factory.

They have not been formally charged but all Iraqi newspapers carried editorials on Monday saying Bazoft, an Iranian living in Britain, was a spy and criticising Britain and the British media for defending british [Parties]

ing him. (Reuter) Vanuatu recognises PLO: Vanuatu has become the first south Pacific island state to formally recognise the PLO government officials in

Port Vila on Monday.
PLO's Australia-based representative Ali Kazak presented his credentials as ambassador of the "State of Palestine" to Vanuaru President Frederick Timakata at the weekend, they said. In a statement issued in Canberra, Kazak said Timaksta had expressed the hope for an inter-national peace conference to solve the problem of a Palestinian homeland. (Reuter)

Red Cross appeal: The International Committee of the Red Cross has appealed to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Syria's vice-president for help in bringing about the release of two orth-opaedic technicians kidnapped in Lebanon, a Red Cross spokesman said.

Juerg Bischoff said the organisation's chief Mid-dle East delegate, Angelo Gnaedinger, met Syria's Abdel-Halim Khaddam in Damascus on Saturday to ask for assistance. He declined to give further details of the talks. (AP) Donkey massacre': Police shot 18 stray donkeys in the southeastern Turkish town of Viran-

schir to the distress of townspeople, local sources said on Monday.

"They were said to be a health risk and so they were shot," said local journalist Ferhat Ozer, "But they are an inheritance from our grandparents and



Look for relatives' name

Two women look for relatives' name at the Commonwealth War Graves in El Alamein following a ceremony to mark the 47th anniversary of the battle of El Alamein in World War Two. (Reuter wirephoto)

people didn't approve."

security sources said on Tuesday.

switched to cars and trucks for everyday transport. Ozer said. (Reuter) Turkish soldiers killed: Kurdish rebels killed four Turkish soldiers near the Iraqi border,

Children used to play with the donkeys, which

had gradually been let loose in the town as people

The soldiers died in the Hakkari region in a clash with the leftist Kurdish Workers Party.
The clash which began on Saturday night was continuing intermittently on rugged terrain but it was not known if there were any rebel casualties,

NIGHT CHEMIS

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A scene from the dances

A FEW nights ago, a celebration known as "Deepawali" was held at the Indian Arts Circle. The celebration included a cultural evening "Deep Dewali" organised by Satkaar.

The Indian Councellor, R.S. Makhija inaugurated the evening by lighting the 'deeps,' then L.D. Hamare invited the guests into the twinkling

A song session was the warm-up of the programme. It started with a prayer duet, Dolly Uppal and Anita Bhagnari, who gracefully sung Tum Aasha Vish-

was Hamare. Dr Shiva then directed

solos, duets and group songs by Malka

Khanna, Alka Kumar, Shaileja Bhar-

auditorium. Rajpal Tyagi hosted the

gav, Joyous and Poonam. The audience seemed to enjoy most of the songs, but the one which received the warmest applause was Bhor Aayee Gaya Andhiyara which was based on Classical Indian music and sung by Shiva, Anita, Alka and Malka.

Aarif Kazi, Shashi Malhotra and their group then took over with their comedy play Bikhmangey — The Beggars. The actors managed to keep the audience delighted throughout their

The crowded audience then drifted into the twilight zone with the Deep Dance which evidently reflected the festival mood. The dance was directed by Kanika Devi.

Following this came the Deepawali dance, the Festival dance, the Season's dance, the Gypsy dance and the Chil-dren's dance. These all reflected the efforts of Prathiba Pania, Kanika Verma, Renu Marwah, Nirupa Sethi and Anshu Sharma. The Gypsy dance clapping and moving with the melody.

All in all, the highlight of the show seemed to be the Children's Orchestra performance which made the audience rresistibly call out for more!



Dolly Uppal and Anita Bhaghari performing a duet.

and children's dance had the crowd PRAYERS

Finally, Tyagi conveyed the vote of

Cooking demonstration

Members of the International Women's Association and the German Club were invited to a cooking demonstration at the Kuwait International Hotel by Monika Simon, wife of the General Manager. Picture shows the hotel's Austrian Pastry Chef, Christoph Brandi displaying his skills at birthday cake decoration to the group of interested ladies.

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#### KTV<sub>1</sub>

MORNING

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran 9.40 Sabah Al Kher News

and Variety 10.00 Around the World:

Cartoon serial 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite

10.30 Al Ghaba: Arabic serial (Part 7)

11.30 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety

11.40 Taaleel: Beduin serial, starring Anwar Khaleel, Salwa Saeed, Anwar Walced Barakat, Iman

12.30 News Summary 12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

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programme.

serial (Part 25) 5.15 Agricultural magazine:

eer's Society 5.35 We are your friends:

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Historical serial (Part

7.55 Made in Kuwait: Information program-

Thalatha: Cartoon

Local programme, prepared by the Kuwaiti Agricultural Engin-

Local programme
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airlines and official advertisements 6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods:

7.15 Sports Star: Local

sports programme (Part 3), prepared and presented by Metlaq Nassar

me (Part 4), prepared and presented by Dr Ali Al Damkhi

8.30 Good Evening and Local News

9.00 Arabic News 9.45 Al Mokafa: Arabic serial (Part 5) 10.35 Late night variety

programme, presented by Dawlat Shawqi 11.45 News Summary

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KTV 2

6.00 Opening announce ment and Holy Quran

6.10 Diplodos: A cartoon series for children Professor Lobster:

'Iron & Glass'' 7.00 The Franchise Affair: Local animosity threatens to develop into an ugly witch



KTV2, 10:30 - Murphy's Law

7.30 Fishing the West Leech Lake Large Mouth:" Different fishing methods on more than 200 lakes in Minnesota..

Children perfecting their dance roles.

**Festival of Lights** 

8.00 News in English 8.30 You and the Law

8.45 MorningStar, Evening Star "Music"
9.30 Discover: Predicting avalanches...Cystic fi-

brosis — early detec-

tion in unborn habies-...Nasa flight simulator tests air crews under pres sure..

10.30 Murphy's Law "Never try to teach a Pig:" An explosive expert in the Insurance company plans to set fire on the company's stores... 11.30 News in Brief 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

#### WHAT'S ON

**ARTS** 

Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week eight lec-ture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989. To register for either of these

courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

**Sultan Gallery** A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

#### SOCIAL

NRI junch

THE NRI Investors Forum will host a lunch for the Indian Ambassador Arun K. Bud-hiraja on Oct 27. All members interested should contact any one of the following before Oct 23. Harish Dhutiya - 5744127 (Res): Gururaj Rao - 5650487 (Res); evenings only. Parvesh Kumar Merwah - 5628171 (Res): S. Anantharaman --5615547 (Res).

OCT 29: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali Ballet available in the IAC office.

Festival of lights

OCT 28: A seasonal programme for IAC members OCT 28: and guests on Sat 28th. For passes contact Mohan George 3904817 (after 6.30pm) or Vijay Sharma (2644863).

Konkani drama

Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present 'Chintnam Zallim Sopnam' a Konk-ani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz. Remy Colaco. Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near

Narthana AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Nar-thana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9 The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel:

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61589/5643126. Navelim feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navelim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15

Known to be one of the biggest feasts in Salcete Goa, people from all walks of life and communities flock to Navelim Church, Likewise, it has been traditionally celebrated by Navelim vouths in Kuwait with much pomp and gaiety, followed by a get-together.

Navelim Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements. surprises await-

ing at Le Mirage ballroom --Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

Magic show

NOV. 9, 10: Expatriate Club
will organise the first magic
show in Auwait. Internationally known Indian magican Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets av lable at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

Star Nite DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yultide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940. 2413706 Res.

Kalpak's drama competition Kerala Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a Malayalam drama competition on 8th and 9th of February

1990. One act plays of 40 minutes duration will only be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction. Stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries. Interested parties may send their applications along with a

Paradayil, P.O. Box 47, 13001 Safat Kuwait. For more details pls contact Varghese 5635481. Kurien 5658072 or Balakrishnan 4316737.

copy of the script to Varghese

German films
TWO classic German movies will be screened at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 7.30 pm on October 24 and 25. On Tuesday, October 24 'The Blue Angel', a legendary film by Josef Von Sternberg, starring Marlene Dietrich and Emil Jannings will be shown. On Wednesday, Oct 25 the screening of first Lang's film 'The Testament of Dr Mabuse', a film on crazy Dr Mabuse, who is trying to lead the world towards chaos, will be shown. Admission to both films is free.

House guest LEADING British theatrical group the Cafe Theatre will be staging Francis Durbridge's House Guest at the Kuwait International Hotel on Nov 3 and 4 in the Grand Ballroom at 8:00 pm. Tickets available at reception at 2530000/8040. The group will also hold workshops with local acting groups. Informal discussions will be encouraged and emphasis will be on improvisation, voice training and movement. Interested groups to contact Public Relations or



SAS President's visit

Kurt Ritter, (right) the President of SAS International Hotels, recently paid a visit to SAS Kuwait Hotel where ne met Werner Kuendig (left) the general manager.

#### the Sales Department. Halloween Party

CHILDREN's Halloween Party on Oct 31 at the Kuwait International Garden Pool. Fancy costumes are a must. Delightful prizes for the fancy dresses. Games, music, entertainment, magic show, Disneyland chracters, a huge Kid-die castle and "be-witching" dishes for dinner. KD3.500 for child under 12 years and KD4.500 for adult. From 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Tickets on sale at

Halloween Party
MESSILAH Beach Hotel is
organising a Halloween Party
on Tuesday Oct 31, 1989. Come dressed up in your favourite costumes. Gifts for all children. Games and prizes for games and best costumes. Adults are also welcomed!! Narmada Theatres theatres,

NARMADA newly formed dedicated cultural organisation, is on the move to conduct a musical evening, in the near future, comprising of Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil songs. with an aim to promote and participate young talents in Kuwait. Those interested male/ female singers, particularly new-comers, and musical instrumentalists may please contact C.A. John at tel. 2663946.

The Graz String Trio LEADING players of the Graz Philharmonic Orchestra will play highly interesting compositions ranging from Baroque and Classical to contemporary work at the Kuwait International Hotel on Oct 29. Tickets on sale at reception for KD3.000. Tel. 2530000/8040.

Barefoot in the Park There are now only a few tickets available for the gala performance at 8 pm on Oct. 31, 1989 of the hilarious comedy Barefoot in the Park". Tickets for the gala per-

formance are KD4.000, which include a light buffet after the show. Other performances are from Nov 1 to 4, inclusive, at 8 pm, and tickets for these performances are KD3.000 each. The play is directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckle. If its laughter you're after, you are advised to reserve your seats now, by ringing 3903475.

Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-

NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the

Kuwait Kannada Koota

Storytelling session: Oct 26. The British Council will hold a story-telling session on Thurs-day at 10.30 am. Children of all nationalities, aged 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the magic of

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**British Council** 

books. Palestinian exhibition The General Union of Palestinian Women will be holding its 13th General Palestinian Folkore Exhibition at the Special Hall of the International Fairgrounds in Mishref. The exhibition will be on Tuesday Oct 24, 6-9pm, Wednesday and Thursday (25 and 26) at 10-1 and 4:30-6:30 and Friday 27 at 10 am - 1 pm and 3

pm - 8 pm.

Kuwait Cultural Centre NEW courses at the cultural centre: yogic healing classes. two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, jijutsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays, pm. Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393. **Music show** 

DEC 1: Musical entertainment show at Doha Entertainment City in the 'Starlight Theatre with live rock 'n' roll, pop and Reggie music from the most popular and dynamic beat groups of Kuwait: Top

Ranks, Next and Kins. The highlights: Fancy Dress competition, stage performance of jive, break dance and solo dancing by Joe Misquitta, Tony and their dancing group, including many more surprises. For complete details tinkle on: 4879455 ext 353 Hilary or 2546890/2661370 (9am to 1pm & 4pm to 7.30 pm) or 2420561 Urban.

People's Trust Club DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel. New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

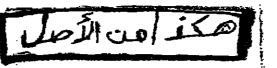
#### **SPORTS**

Indoor games

THE Bangladesh Associa-tion will hold an indoor games competition in the embassy's premises for chess, bridge, table tennis and carom (ladies and gents separately) from November 9 to 24, '89. Interested participants are requested to contact for registration on or before October 31. '89 with any of the following persons: Zuki 4741876, Yusuf 4314193, Quamrul 3922257, Mahbub 4744490, Mahmud Hassan Babu 4742656 and Ashraf Hos-

sain Rubel, Adult swimming classes

Now in session at the Messilah Beach Hotel Club. For more details please phone 5624111 ext. 739/751.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

# Arabs seek basic changes

Debt strategy

ABU DHABI, Oct 23, (Opecna): Arab countries are seeking basic changes in the regulations and laws of industrialised countries to lessen the burden of foreign debt on developing nations.

Osama Faquih, chairman of the board of directors of the Arab Monetary Fund, which is based here, said a call to this effect was made during the last annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, adding that while the desired measures were not taken by the two bodies, the efforts of Arab countries on this front would continue.

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Faquih, who is Saudi Arabian deputy minister for International Economic Co-operation at the Ministry of Finance and national economy, said that the Arab world had demanded the easing of foreign debt payments in case of countries which had undertaken structural economic reform, noting "there are several Arab countries that have applied new programmes to revive their economies in accordance with World Bank and IMF directions.

Faquih, who is also chairman of the governing board of the Vienna-based Opec Fund for International Development. said: "We are asking industrialised countries to help developing countries" look forward to a better future. The debt question, he added, was of serious concern to the affected nations and must be dealt delicately.

He stressed: "Its solution is the joint responsibility of credit and debtor nations and international commercial banks ... It must be understood that the ability of debtor nations to repay the loans depends on economic growth."

He pointed out that what was needed was new assistance for developing countries in the form of fresh loans or forgiveness of part of the old debt, in addition to the opening up of industrialised country markets for the products of developing nations.

#### Higher claims hit UK Club

LONDON, Oct 23 (Kuna): A 50 per cent rise in liability insurance costs faces many of the world's leading ship owners following a decision by the UK Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association to substantially increase rates, it was reported

The specialised newspaper Lloyd's List said the association, commonly known as the UK Club, has been hit by higher claims and is raising both advance and supplementary calls for

next year in response.

The decision is of particular significance because the association provides protection and indemnity nsurance to a quarter of the world's merchant fleet, and has twice the membership of the next largest ship owners' "Mutual".

A general increase in premium rates of 30 per cent will apply at the UK Club's February renewal, but the premium paid at this time represents only 30 per cent of the total for the year, Lloyd's added.

Normally a supplementary call of 20 per cent is paid after the end of the

policy year.

This means that an average member will be paying about 50 per cent more than previously for his cover in

#### **KD** deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Oct 23, (Reuter): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed in the shorter dates in moderate trade today despite an influx in monthly salaries. Dealers said banks had

apparently been using the salary payments and other funds to buy treasury bills from the Central Bank, causing a net outilow from the system and pushing rates up. Overnight traded at 7-1/4 per cent compared to Sunday's offers, of seven per cent. Tomorrow-next and spot-next

rose fell to 8-3/8 eight from 7-1/2 seven. One week rose to 8-3/8 eight from 8-1/47-3/4. One month to one year were little-changed at a uniform 8-7/ 163/16, with trades in three mon-

ths at 8-3/8.

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Japanese yen

# Japan's booming economy is fanning prices STATISTICS released during the

past month support the scenario of a

slowdown in economic growth with some sectors of the US economy

more affected than others. Manufac-

turing is one of the weakest sectors,

particularly car production, although the latter picked up slightly in the monthly statistic due to last-min-

ute buying before the release of the

Orders for manufactured goods.

Orders for manufactured goods, although fluctuating sharply, have been broadly flat during the summer while inventories have been building up singalling the possibility of future production cutbacks. Capacity utilisation remained unchanged at 83.8 per cent declining for 3 consecutive months.

higher-priced 1990 models.

year. However, one month's gain is not enough to indicate a change in trend and residential construction, the most interest-sensitive area, we flat. Unemployment is steady at 5.2 per cent with reasonably strong employment growth, according to interest and Exchange Rate Monitor published by Industrial Bank of

It is this study growth which, in turn, leads to increasing personal income that makes the possibility of the slowdown turning into a full blown recession less likely. A study by Morgan Stanley indicated that recessions in the US economy are invariably accompanied by slow or declining personal income.

Personal disposable income is what people are free to spend after deducting direct and indirect taxes and it is the primary determinant of prolongs the economic expansion.

During the first half of the year personal income grew by an annual 4 per cent growth has continued in July and August. What is even more important is that personal spending has picked up after the luli in the earlier part of the year. The earlier slowdown had been due to higher of the prices interest rate increases and large. prices, interest rate increases and larger than expected income tax payments. The effect of these factors is now wearing out and personal spending rose 0.9 per cent in August from the month before, driving the savings rate down to 5.4 per cent of after-tax income while retail sales month. It thus seems that consumption growth will continue to play an active role in extending the period of

hand, do not seem to be sending unequivocal signals. Although much has been made of concerning three consecutive declines in the producer price index in June, July and August this has been mainly due to declining prices for food and energy which are

US consumption growth will continue to play active role

When they are excluded from the index, as commentators were so eager to do when they were rising earlier in the year, it turns out that only July registered a decline while core inflation in June and August rose 0.7 per cent and 0.5 per cent rose 0.7 per cent and 0.3 per cent respectively. Likewise, excluding food and energy turns a steady August CPI to a 0.2 per cent increase with consumer price inflation running at an annual 4.8 per cent so far this year, still higher than the 4.4 per cent registered in 1988. Although slowing, these rates do not show that

in a total shortfall of 10.3 per cent in the first seven months of 1989 compared with the same period last year. The rise in the dollar this year does not seem to have affected exports yet as companies still seem to be reaping the benefit of the depreciation in the previous two years. However, the news was not all good. The narrow-ing was the result of the decline of both imports and exports with the former decreasing more. Moreover, imports of industrial supplies and capital goods fell reflecting weakness in manufacturing industry.

its economic expansion although possibly at a slower rate than in the first half of the year when it grew by 4.6 per cent. Industrial output spite of August's slight faltering from July. Total manufacturing orders. although higher than July, were lower in August than year-earlier levels while retail sales have grown by a respectable 2.1 per cent over the first seven months of 1989.

Unemployment declined to 7.3 per cent in September from 7.5 per cent in August to its lower level since July 1982. On a new measure of unemployment, which includes a broader base of those termed employed to include independently employed, the rate fell from 6.8 per cent to 6.6 per cent. The unemployment level is now 10 per cent below last year but there is much hope of easing in shortages of skilled labour by the influx of East

German workers.

Meanwhile, inflation seems to have been at least stabilised, if not yet

August from 3.0 per cent in July while preliminary results for September give price increases of 3 per cent over the year before. The Bundesbank's position is that inflation still remains a danger as it is concerned about the weak DM, the overheating economy, the planned tax cut in January and the spring wage negotiations. In addition, M3 money supply exceeded its 5 per cent target growth rate in August.

A narrowing of the trade surplus in July was followed by renewed expansion in August bringing the 92.1 billion. No narrowing of imbalances is likely this year to DM surplus is projected to reach DM155 billion for the state. billion for the whole of 1989 conpared with DM128 billion in 1988

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# Overall construction, which has been badly affected by high interest rates, has improved gaining 1.8 per cent in August, the largest gain this Iran gives guarantees to overseas investors

Bid to attract capital

Call to set up industrial base

Intensive Arab co-operation vital

NICOSIA, Oct 23, (Reuter): Iran is offering guarantees to foreign investors to attract between \$15 and 20 billion of foreign capital during its forthcoming five-year plan, President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today.

"Iran has one of the best records (in meeting its financial obligations)," Tehran Radio quoted him as saying. "There are serious guarantees for invest-

Rafsanjami, speaking at a news conference in Tehran, said the five-year plan approved by his cabinet foresaw no foreign borrowing but included between \$15 and 20 billion of foreign invest-

TUNIS, Oct 23, (Kuna): Tun-

isian National Economy Mini-ster Munsef Belaid today

indicated to the slow pace of

World countries and appealed

for intensive Arab co-operation

to set up an industrial base,

depending on indigenous human

The official also urged priority

to be given to Arab joint projects

and Arab products to be accor-

ded necessary protection in order

to meet needs of the Arab

market, both in quantity and

the 7th Arab conference on

industrial development, which

opened here today at ministerial

level, Belaid made note of the

emergence of regional economic

blocs and the acute economic

crises that grip most of the

In an inaugural address before

and material resources.

Investments would be restricted to specific projects in fields such as gas, petrochemicals and dam-building, which could quickly generate revenue to pay off foreign partners, he said.

"We have received offers from abroad. We are waiting for the majlis (parliament) to approve these projects so that contracts can be signed," he said.

The radio report, received in Nicosia, gave no further details about the prospective deals or investment guarantees. Foreign investment was con-

developing countries, which are

more complicated by trade

protectionist measures, lesser aid

for development schemes and

three Arab groups, the six-mem-

ber Gulf Co-operation Council

(GCC), the four-member Arab

Co-operation Council (ACC) and the five-state Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), saying they

would reflect positively on pan-

Addressing the inaugural session, Syria's Minister of Industry

Antoinne Jabran said that

establishment of an Arab econ-

omic group would be a strong

competitive and productive

trade partner among the world's

In his speech, director-general of the Arab Industrial Develop-

ment Organisation Dr Hatem

major regional blocs.

Arab industrial integration.

He praised efforts within the

demned as a drain on national wealth by the revolutionary Muslims who overthrew the Shah's pro-Western government that foreign capital is needed to revive Iran's economy after eight years of devastating war with

Rafsanjani said he hoped financial disputes with France and West Germany would soon be settled, but ruled out any role for US companies in Iran's development projects "under present cir-

Parliament will soon begin debating the five-year plan, the first to be adopted since 1979.

It envisages an annual GNP growth rate of eight per cent and hard currency expenditure of about \$90 billion over the five years. Of this, \$76.8 billion would come from oil revenues

Abdul Rachid welcomed Egypt's

return to the organisation and

urged that industrial co-ordina-

tion should balance between

Arab ministers of industry will

consider during their two-day

conference a report prepared by

an expert meeting which con-luded here yesterday including

recommendations and decisions

in respect of items placed on the

Among the draft recommen-

dations is an appeal to industrial-

ised nations to abandon their res-

trictive economic policies which

damage interests of developing

countries, including the Arab

the expert meeting underlines

support to a proposal made by

some Arab states to convene an

A draft resolution prepared by

and \$12.8 billion from non-oil

Some parliamentarians have criticised the revenue figures as

unrealistic, Oil revenue projected in the current Iranian year's budget to March 20 is \$9.88 billion. Nonoil exports earned less than \$1 billion during the last Iranian

"We have been realistic about oil prices and we try to move within the confines of Opec," Rafsanjani said.

Iran, with a production quota of 2.926 million barrels per day (BPD) set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, now exports about two million

international conference to work

out an acceptable settlement of

The draft recommendations

also stress increased spending in

the Arab industrial sector and

introduction of new manufac-

tured products, such as elec-

tronic devices to meet Arab

market requirements from these

A four-member committee, including representatives from

the three Arab groupings and the

Aido, is to co-ordinate among industrial policies and oversee

Economic and Social Develop-

ment was called upon to for-

mulate a new policy of dealing with joint Arab industrial under-

takings by allocating part of its

annual budget to finance indus-

The Kuwait Fund for Arab

steps taken in this respect.

the world debt crisis.

commodities.

trial enterprises.

Gold pharaoh casket

Pyramid Enterprises' designer Ronald Northway displays a full-size reproduction of the sarcophagus of King Tutan Khamen at the Baltimore Convention Centre. Northway, one of hundreds of exhibitors who were hawking their wares at a funeral director convention, laboured three years to carve his prototype gold pharaoh casket, worth \$7,350. (Reuter wirephoto)

Directionless trading

# Dollar marks time

New York

Frankfurt

Hong Kong

dollar marked time today in direc-tionless trading before figures are released later this week which will indicate whether the US economy is slowing or continuing its eighth year of growth.

"Everything is totalled dead. Peo-ple say they are waiting for the figures, but it might be more accurate to say they have no new ideas at all," said one dealer.

Thursday sees the publication in Washington of data detailing gross national product for the third quarter of this year, a key indicator of the health of the US economy. A slowdown would allow the US

Central Bank, the Federal Reserve. to lower the high interest rates it has put in place to contain inflation, a move which would undermine some of the dollar's strength.

Dealers said speculation that interest rates would ease was prevent

ting a dollar recovery. It closed in London at 1.8545 marks and 142.30 yen from a Friday finish of 1.8530 and 142.10.

August's current account deficit was an alarming £2 billion (\$3.1 billion), one of the factors which forced the pound below three West Ger-man marks for the first time in two

years. It finished at 2.9540 today. "People are worried about the economy. We're in for more profit downgradings and the sterling crisis has only been avoided temporarily,"

(Jan 4) 1,412.7 -5.6(May 15) Foreign exchange/gold bullion close in London Dollar/Mark..... ..142.30 yen (142.10) ..... \$1.5945 (1.5855) ..... \$365.75 (366.75)

1,781.8

(Jan 3) 1,782 s

(Jan 5) 535.78

(Jun 3) 30,183,79

said one trader. Dealers fear that more bad numbers could force another rise in British interest rates, which would hit

# Private sector urged to play its part

(Continued from Page 1) for the necessary merger opera-

tions that should be under-

There are many reasons for this step, the least of which, Sheikh Salem said, is to upgrade the performance of the projects in order not to scatter the administrative efforts in many projects.

Describing privatization as a major future phase in Kuwait economy, which in itself requires diversification in sources of income and expanding the production base, Sherkh Salem urged the private sector to adopt serious initiatives" towards this vital issue.

"As we don't really want the private sector to be pushed to involve itself in projects that the market mechanism does not ensure success, this fact must not be taken as an excuse by the private sector in not taking serious measures to search for suitable investment opportunities available in the local market, based upon a long-term vision."

He said that there are plenty of investment opportunities in the commercial, financial and services sectors and the same can be applied to certain industrial projects also.

All such sectors can contribute with high and important additional value to the local economy. The same theory can be applied to investments in the agricultural, animal and fishing fields. He stressed all such activities would certainly help the country in reducing imports. Sheikh Salem pointed out that

"the private sector when decides to invest in some industrial projects, can seek the assistance of foreign partners to benefit from their rich experience and to contribute to training and qualifying of national man-power. Sheikh Salem advised the private sector, in the next stage, to concentrate more on the administration and management of projects, describing it as the most important factor in the suc-

cess of investments and projects.

The Governor of the Kuwait Central Bank also called on the local commercial banks to play a greater role in financing to cope with the new future develop-ments concerning privatisation. He said that these banks are required to play more active role in the local market by carrying out some organizational changes that allow them to manage their assets in conformity with the future directives of the local economy. Sheikh Salem added that the local banks must thus. play more effective role in case the private sector, other than banks and financial establishments, starts repatriation of part of the surplus funds deposited in the form of accounts in international banks outside.

He said that according to international statistics released billion by the end of 1988. Sheikh Salem said that

recently the net deposits of the Kuwait private sector, other than banks and financial establishments, in foreign banks outside Kuwait was \$2.1 billion by the end of 1986, \$4.1 billion by the end of 1987 and about \$5.1

repatriation of part of these

investments to Kuwait is a

national necessity. "By keeping these investments outside, they will remain subjected to risks resulting from the fluctuations in the rate of currency exchange," he said. The degree of risks will be higher when these investments are made in world stock markets.

Sheikh Salem emphasized the weakness of the national economy to absorb such funds should not be used as a pretext for the outflow of national funds He expressed confidence that

the new directives of the Kuwaiti monetary policy will be able to deal with the market developments in a way to guarantee these funds same if not better returns that they obtain abroad.

Sheikh Salem stressed the right of the private sector to move within clear laws and emphasized on the importance of flexibility in working out the legislations and charters. "These should be directed to facilitate the course of the national economy to be able to achieve our plans and embitions," he said. At the same time, Sheikh Salem stressed that the implementation of the legislations must be very

Speaking about the main features of the Kuwaiti economy in the past two decades, Sheikh Salem said that although the role of the private sector in economy cannot be lessened or ignored the national economy remained to a high degree dependent on

He said that the state revenues continue to depend mainly on oil and other sources of revenues contributed around 10 per cent of the public revenues. Although

share of the non-oil revenues increased in recent years to 15 per cent, it is still very low and as a whole reflects the tendency of the lcoal private sector to increase its wealth and surplus funds utilising the absence of a taxation system in Kuwait.

He added that Kuwait's imports on an average form about 40 per cent of the total annual expenditure on consumption and investments.

He said this means that with each Kuwaiti dinar paid on con-sumption and investments, KD 0.4 goes to imports outside Kuwait. He said that this undoubtedly constitutes a very high leaking percentage, coupled of course with other ways of

national funds outflow. "This ultimately leads to forming pressure on the country's resources and reserves of foreign currencies. Besides this, such a fact also affirms the fact that the private sector greatly depends upon the public expenditure," he added. He also recounted the government's steps taken from the beginning of 70s till now, to encourage the private sector to contribute to the local economic circle, stressing that the private sector always remain very short

of performing the required role. Sheikh Salem said that the 1982 Manakh crash affirmed that the managements of most of the private, government and joint projects and ventures, were, regrettably, not up to the standard. "They were attracted towards speculations and lust of achieving quick returns. They even mixed between the public interests and their own private interests," he concluded.

#### **WORLD STOCK** ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 23, (Renter): Qintex dominated the market, plunging more than 50 per cent after the bankruptcy filing of its US entertainment affiliate. The All Ordinaries index lost 5.6 points to 1,668.1. TOKYO: An early rise took the Nikkei index near its record high and caused con-cern about possible overheating. HONG KONG: Strong interest in bank-

HONG KONG: Strong interest in banking stocks led the market upwards. The
Hang Seng index gained 28.22 to 2,732.17.
SINGAPORE: The Straits Times industrials tracked Tokyo and Hong Kong,
gaining 19.42 points to 1,365.02.
BOMBAY: Share prices finished higher
in moderate trading for the new account
aided by technical considerations.
FRANKFURT: West German share
prices through off early declines to end

prices shrugged off early declines to end virtually unchanged. The Dax 30-share index closed at 1.523.22, just 0.989 points below Friday's close.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed slightly lower in slow trading. The All-Share performance index lost three points to 1145.9

PARIS: Share prices quickly rebounded from a lower start. The CAC-40 index rose rapidly to 0.24 per cent UO by midsession, at 1.869.51.

LONDON: Share prices remained firm in exceptionally quiet trade. At 1533 GMT the FTSE index was 9.8 points up at

NEW YORK: US blue chins succumbed

to profit-taking and fell near the day's lows. The Dow fell about seven to 2,683.

#### Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct 23. (Kuma): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period Bid Offered

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# Gulf banks looking at Mexican debt service reduction

BAHRAIN Oct 23, (Reuter): Gulf-based creditor banks are likely to choose the debt service reduction option in Mexico's landmark financing package, regional bankers said yesterday.

They said Guif banks, with an estimated \$1 billion of loan exposure to Mexico, favoured reduction in interest rather than principal because this would enable them to absorb their losses gradually over the coming years.

Few Gulf institutions were likely to take the new-money option because they were not confident the financing package, aimed at reducing Mexico's \$52.7 billion of medium and long-term debt,

Gas export

project

receives

approval

OTTAWA, Oct 23, (UPI): Canada's National Energy Board

yesterday approved the export of natural gas from the Mackenzie

Delta to the United States, end-

ing more than a decade of debate

over whether gas resources in the

Canadian Arctic would ever be

The approval by the federal

government agency of the estimated \$9.05 billion project,

which includes development

costs and pipeline construction,

followed several months of

public hearings and testimony

from oil companies and native

The export licences must still

be approved by the conservative

government cabinet, but that is

not expected to present any dif-

Essentially, the board granted

licences to Esso Resources Can-

ada Ltd., Gulf Canada Resour-

ces Ltd. and Shell Canada Ltd. to

export a total of 9.2 trillion cubic

feet (TCF) of natural gas to the

United States for a 20-year

period beginning as early as Nov

construction of a pipeline

through the far north to carry the

gas from the delta to southern Canada where it would link up

with established pipelines into

Twelve years ago, a govern-

ment commission imposed a ten

year moratorium on pipeline

construction in the arctic

because of environmental con-

cerns. But native groups and

government officials who

opposed the project then are now

offering qualified support for it.

Native groups stand to realize

millions of dollars in royalties

and rental of rights of way for the

pipeline as well as significant

development of the Mackenzie

Delta gas reserves 'would

moderately reduce gas prices' in

Canada and the United States in

the late 1990s and beyond as the

natural has market benefits from

competitive sources of gas. With-

out Delta Gas, the oil companies

said in making their application, the market "would call on the

next higher cost source of gas,

already signed preliminary con-

tracts with major American com-

panies, among them Enron Gas

Supply Company, Texas Eastern

Transmission Corporation,

Pacific Interstate Transmission

Company and Tennessee Gas

Pipeline, all of them established

importers of Canadian natural

Oil industry

The three oil companies have

leading to higher gas prices.'

In its ruling, the board said

employment opportunities.

the United States.

The board still must approve

developed.

Indian groups.

ficulties.

"The interest rate reduction bonds are probably the most palatable for us because it means we can gradually write off our losses, rather than taking an immediate 35 per cent hit," one senior banker who wished to remain anony-

"The debt reduction bonds will not be as popular because most Gulf banks do not have the provisions to support a loss of that size and will not receive the tax reduction benefits that a bank in Europe would get from the scheme," he said. The banker spoke after a presentation

in Bahrain yesterday by Mexico's top debt negotiator Angel Gurria.

Gurria, Mexico's director-general of public credit, outlined details of the financing scheme which analysts hope will provide the country with \$2 to 3 billion a year in debt relief and new finance.

The package gives Mexico's 450 creditors banks three options: they can provide new loans in addition to the debt outstanding, accept a lower interest rate at a flat 6.25 per cent on their current loans, or write off 35 per cent of the

Gurria - who also visited Tokyo,

London, Zurich, Rome, Paris and Fran-kfurt as part of roadshow to drum up support - told Reuters late on Sunday he hoped 15 per cent of the banks would provide new cash, compared with an earlier target of 20.

"It's early days yet to see what the response will be but we think there is enough interest on each one of the options to provide Mexico with an adequate cash flow," he said.

"A lot of banks are saying maybe I don't need to take a hit on Mexico because it is doing well and practicing good economic policies ... may be I'll

stick to new money," he said.

A banker representing the creditors

said since the plan was announced on September 43, there had been only one committeent to put up new money. Citicorp, a staunch supporter, had also promised cash but had not yet said how much, Gurria said.

Banks must commit new funds by October 31 in order to receive a so-called early bird by premium fee. Several Gulfbased bankers said the deadline should

Sunday's meeting grouped banks from Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

#### Renewed weakness seen in the value of rial

# **Currency intervention not** solution to economic woes

facing renewed weakness in the value of its rial, is learning the hard way that intervention in currency markets is not a longterm solution to its economic woes. Western bankers and Iranian economists say.

Tehran's Central Bank this month made its first attempt in years at using monetary weapons to sort out the fundamental economic problems sparked by a black market exchange rate that has at times reached 20 times the

official rate. But Iranian economists and Western bankers in the Gulf say the bank's use of its limited hard currency reserves, estimated at between \$5 to \$7 billion, to bring down the rate cannot last.

"It's a brave try but what they really need is a coherent credit and investment policy, and above all a coherent political

track," said one Western banker. President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, backed by his new, monetarist-minded Finance Minister Mohsen Nourbaksh, has said the vast difference bet-

ween official and black market

rates was at the root of Iran's

economic ills. In an attempt to cut the dif-ferential, the Central Bank has for the past week set a new daily rate at which state-affiliated bodies can buy foreign exchange for overseas transactions.

The special rate has so far been at 1,000 rials to the dollar, compared with the normal official rate of only 72.

The immediate effect was to shake out speculators looking for a further rial decline and the blackmarket rate came very close to 1,000 to the dollar, Iranian

trai Bank could gradually lower this "intervention" rate as time

But in the past few days, the black market rial has started to decline again, said dealers in the important offshore Iraniantrading centre of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Economists say the most fundamental reason behind the decline is that the black market rial rate is a more real free market rate than in many countries with a currency black market.

Local dealers say political upheavals in the past years have pushed the rial by 100 to 300 either way against the dollar. Otherwise, the blackmarket

rate reflects fundamental valuations and the long-term pressure is for the government to scrap its unrealistic 72-rial official rate,

Western central bankers might sympathise with - the Central Bank has committed itself to what amounts to a moving exchange rate target, yet speculators believe it does not have the depth of reserves to back this up.

"The government cannot afford to keep the dollars flowing to sustain a long-term interven-tion rate if people see no hope of underlying policy changes to stimulate the real economy," said a Gulf-based Iranian economic analyst.

Economists say that even if Iran pours one billion of its reserves into its new scheme it will not be enough.

Iran gets 90 per cent of its hard currency from oil exports with no real alternative earners in sight and cannot afford to run down its reserves too far, they say.

#### Commonwealth leaders voice concern

## Rich nations told to balance economic policies

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23, (Reuter): Commonwealth leaders urged industrialised nations today to balance monetary with fiscal policies to ease pressure on interest rates which have raised the debt burden of poor nations and choked economic growth.

The leaders of the 49-nation body also expressed concern that the emergence of regional trade groupings could lead to greater protectionism and that poor nations were not reaping the benefits of current world economic growth.

Peter Unwin, the Commonwealth's deputy director-general of economics, said Britain and

ARAB banks have come out of

the red, after a critical phase of

half a decade marked by bad

debts, large provisioning and fall

in profits. This is the central

theme of a study on Arab banking carried out by "Arab Banking & Finance 1990," just released by Falcon Publishing

WLL of Bahrain. Arab Banking

& Finance 1990, now in its

seventh edition, is the most relia-

ble annual reference work on

Arab banks and financial institu-

Releasing the book, Abdul-

nabi Al Sho'ala, Chairman and

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Inflation still remains a problem.

Although the retail price index declined to an annual rate of 7.3 per

declined to an annual rate of 7.3 per cent in August this was largely due to the big rise in mortgage rates in August 1988 of 1-3/4 per cent which then added 0.7 per cent to retail prices. The labour market, as ever, remains the main problem facing the economy with unemployment down to 6.1 per cent of the labour force, the lowest level since October 1980. Unit labour costs in manufacturing rose

labour costs in manufacturing rose

4.9 per cent annually in July while productivity rose 4.1 per cent.

Productivity performance in services

is much worse with growth in average carnings rising to 9.25 per cent.

August's current account delicit of £2 billion was the third widest ever on

record with both imports and exports

declining. So far, the cumulative deficit in 1989 is £13.87 billion

against £8.5 billion in the same

period last year and a government forecast of the total 1989 deficit of

**US dollar** 

£14.5 billion.

Canada assured members that the merging of the European Economic Community into a single market after 1992 and the recent signing of a US-Canada free trade agreement would open rather than close markets. He said Commonwealth

leaders recognised that high interest rates helped check inflation, but also realised they caused "very great difficulties for developing countries." "There was a feeling the mes-

sage had to be broadcast that high interest rates were damaging developing countries' efforts to service debts, grow out of difficulties and so on," he said. Unwin told reporters after a

Arab banks recover from setback

Cautious optimism

blessings for the publication and

observed that it was heartening

that Bahrain continued to retain

its pride of place as the "Banking

sums up the current economic

situation in the Arab world in the

"The Arab banks enter the

'90s in a mood of cautious

optimism. The new mood is

especially encouraging because it

reflects the end of the prolonged phase of uncertainty of the '80s.

The economic recession started

Arab Banking & Finance 1990

Centre" for the region.

following words:

debate on the world economy on the sixth day of the summit, which brings together leaders of Britain and its former empire. that members saw a major role for the private sector in the world economy.

While the leaders did not ask Commonwealth members Britain and Canada to voice their concerns to the group of seven industrialised nations, "there was a call for a mix between mon-etary and fiscal policy," another Commonwealth official said.

An official of a developing nation in the Commonwealth said they were concerned that policies of the G-7 to raise

diture had their inevitable

impact on the health of the bank-

The banks, especially those in the Gulf, had to bear the brunt of

economic turbulence, character-

ised by bad debts, large prov-

For the young banking sys-

tem, these adversities posed

enormous challenges. However,

towards end of the '80s, there

were distinct signs of a revival. It

was in 1988 that these signals

became clear and strong. The fin-

ancial performance of the banks

isioning and fall in profits.

ing system during the decade.

interest rates to check inflation raised their debt burden and were "literally crippling a lot of countries."

Currency adjustments had raised the cost of loans to poor nations by an average 16 per cent from 1984-1988, while capital flows from poor to rich nations reached up to \$70 billion a year at a time when these resources were most needed, another official

Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley called for an economic summit involving developed countries, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and commercial banks, to discuss these problems.

# Pollution fight

CAIRO, Oct 23, (Opecna): Arab environment ministers and senior officials representing 22 countries issued a call last week for concerted efforts to fight pollution in the Arab world.

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sidgi told the conference that there was an urgent need for drawing up a joint Arab plan of action to protect the environ-

Atef Obeid, the Egyptian minister responsible for the environment, told the delegates that Arab programmes designed to should be integrated.

#### Rothschild returns to Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, Oct 23, (Reuter): After an 88-year absence, the Rothschild Group has returned to Frankfurt, the city where the world's most famous banking dynasty first set up in business nearly two centuries ago.

"We are coming back to Fran-kfurt. Traces of the family are visible everywhere in town,"
Baron Elie De Rothschild, 72
and chairman of Rothschild's
Zurich Bank, said today
He told a news conference the

bank's representative office in Frankfurt would have an initial staff of only three. It had no illusions about the problems of taking business away from well-established major West German

"We prefer to start with a low profile, observe and test the market," he said, adding that the new bank was well positioned to draw on its long history of international financing. The banking group dates back

to 1796 when Mayer Amschel Rothschild founded Bankhaus M.A. Rothschild und Soehne in the Jewish quarter of Frankfurt. He then sent his four sons to London, Vienna, Naples and Paris, where they each set up their own empires. The bank has

branches in 20 countries. The Frankfurt Bank was closed in 1901 after the death of Baron Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild. Until the late 1960s, a Rothschild Bank had to be headed by a male member of the

family.

The owners of the Rothschild banking empire are still all family members. "All are Rothschilds - no outsiders," said Baron Elie Rothschild

During World War Two, the Rohthschilds, like other Jewish families, saw much of their property seized by the Nazis.

The family's decision to wait so long before returning to Frankfurt was purely linked to company strategy. It had nothing to do with the family's wartime experiences.

The decision was made according to business criteria," said Baron David De Rothschild, from the family's Paris

# Currency rates

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#### Antique clocks

Christies employee Paul Barthaud with a selection of antique clocks on Sunday, that are to be auctioned. The clocks are part of an enormous collection of antiques gathered by eccentric Ronald Summerfield who died this year. The estate could raise over 52 million (\$3.17 million) when auctioned.

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#### in 1982, the collapse of oil prices Managing Director of Falcon in that year has shown that they in 1986 and the regional conflicts involving heavy defence expen-Publishing thanked the banking consolidated their position for protect the marine environment community for their support and is fanning prices, says IBK study Japan's booming economy

#### to grow: study JAKARTA, Oct 23, (UPI): Indonesian oil exploration and production should pick up steam

in the wake of government incentives, according to a report released today by the United States embassy. "The mood in the Jakarta-

based oil community is improving," the report concluded.

Contributing to the improved situation is a new top echelon in the government which has listened to contractor's concerns and actively responded, such as

last April's postponing of a value-added tax on exploration expenditures, the report stated. As a result, there will be 14 to 17 exploration contracts signed this year, with 30 in negotiations. Add that to the 10 signed last year, and exploration appears to be recovering from its post-1983

downslide, the report said. Yet greater exploration is needed to find new reserves to replace those depleted by production, the report said.

The 1988 production tally of 1.178 million barrels per day was lower than the previous year. But with oil exploration contracts piling up, the embassy predicts oil production will climb to 1.5 million barre's per day by 1991. Liquified natural gas produc-

tion has risen 56 per cent since 1985, with market prospects looking excellent. The embassy concluded that on balance the petroleum situa-

tion in Indonesia gets a

"favourable reading."

September was a turbulent month

for the US dollar with its strenuous strength seceding in the end to persis-tent central bank intervention. The first half of the month saw it rising steadily against central bank intervention. September 15 was a climatic day with the dollar surging despite intervention, to DM2.033 and 149.0 on news of the narrowing July trade deficit.

Then rumours of a major US bank in trouble and President Bush being shot as well as a major bout of profit taking clobbered the market driving

it to lows of DM 1.9350 and Y 144.40. The dollar ended the day at DM 1.96 and Y146 but the subdued mood following the day's events paved the way for official policies to lower the

The G7 communique following their meeting on September 23 was widely interpreted as supportive of a lower, but not excessively lower, dollar. It said that the currency was overvalued in terms of the underlying economic fundamentals and a rise in the dollar or an excessive decline would be unsettling. The declaration was followed by successive waves of massive intervention in several markets on the part of nine European central banks as well as as the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan. The volume of intervention resulted in the dollar closing down more than 7 plennigs and 6 yen at the end of the compared with DMI.9494 and Y145.60 the previous Friday. D-mark

The DM reflected movements in the S during September weakening in the first half of the month and strengthening following the G7 communique and bank intervention to end the month at DM1.8765 to the dollar. However, in spite of the B-B's par-ticipation in the G7 accord it has become increasingly clear that it is giving less attention to the DM's weakness is disliked mainly because of its domestic impact namely, by making exports more competitive and imports more expensive, it puts upward pressure on inflation. However, the Bundesbank increasingly views the international

imbalances as a regional question.

The US deficit is mainly with Japan

and Asia while West Germany's surplus is in Europe. This results in the Bundesbank taking a more relaxed view of the rate between the dollar and the DM. In addition, the Bundesbank president is increasingly sceptical about intervention arguing that dollar sales merely supply speculators with cheap dollars to sell at a profit later.

Yen Some Japanese investors still believe in the long-run strength of the dollar. Institutional investors have been buying in the sell-offs and that activity could pick up in the new corporate fiscal year, which begins Oct 1. Despite the investor interest in selling yen, however, the currency has made a modest comeback on the cross ending the morth at Y74.55 to the DM. The political atmosphere in Japan is improving with the LDP making some comeback at the polls and the BOJ is maintaining a tight

monetary policy.

The yen cracked the psychological resistance point of Y I 40 at the end of the month but further dollar easing is expected to favour the DM more than the yen, although a BOJ official stated that Tokyo wants the yen in the low Y 130s to the dollar. The BOJ remains concerned about the effect of the weak yen on Japanese infla-Sterling

Sterling has been an accident waiting to happen for a year or more. It has been market wisdom that the pound would fall whether because. with the economy slowing, an interest rate cut was in the offing, or because current interest rates were not high enough to compensate

investors for the perceived failure of policy.
A mini sterling crisis followed

A mini sterling crisis followed August's disappointingly large current account deficit forcing the Bank of England into strong intervention including selling ECUS for pounds for the first time. The current account ligure appeared to show to many in the market that economy was reacting too slowly to the Chancellor's year-long tight ing of monetary conditions. Although sterling recovered slightly to end the month at \$1.620, it remains vulnerable, central bank interven-tion notwithstanding, given the precarious state of the UK economy and the massive current account

Federal Reserve policy is likely to remain steady over the near term, despite the upward trend of the dollar. The recent strength in the economy has policymakers satisfied that they are successfully negotiating the tightrope between recession and inflation. The US economy should continue its slow, steady growth into 1990, the index of leading indicators suggests.

Meanwhile, the Bundesbank raised its discount rate to cool the economy and protect the Deutschemark. Eight other European central banks, including the Bank of England followed suit.

The US economy still showed signs of general decline in September. The US consumer confidence levelled off in September but remained strong measured against a longer period. The spending on new construction rose a seasonally adjusted 1.8 per cent billion, after drop-

ping 0.6 per cent in July. The US index of leading indicators, which hence, rose a seasonally adjusted 0.3 per cent in August. The gain, which compared with July's revised 0.1 per cent increase, is said to suggest slow but stable growth into 1990

The September employment report has produced worse than expected numbers. Unemployment rate rose to 5.3 per cent, non-farm payroll increased by 209,000 from 110,000. The payroll increase included 75,000 returning strikers. and also shows a decline in manufacturing and auto production jobs. In response to the slowdown in the growth of employment, the short term interest rates fell sharply. The Federal Reserve is leaning towards an easier policy should keep the trend towards lower short-term rates intact in future.

in the first half of 1989, West Germany's gross national product grew an inflation-adjusted 4 per cent from a year earlier. Many West German factories are operating at capacity limits, creating production bottlen ecks and upward pressure on producer prices. West Germany export-driven economic expansion continued to barrel along in the third

Although the economy was growing at only a 3.1 per cent annual rate in September, officials fears that it is hiding an inflationary buildup that could speed price rises next year. Rising real estate prices, trade union demands for shorter work week and higher wages next year and Bonn's plan to cut income taxes in January contribute to the Bundesbank's

In response to that, West Ger-man's Bundesbank raised its official interest rates a full percentage point each in a determined effort to boost the Deutschemark and cool off Europe's largest economy before inflationary pressure multiply. West Germany's discount rate was hauled up to 6 per cent from 5 per cent and its Lombard rate brought to 8 per cent from 7 percent. A Bundesbank tightening had been expected, but its policy-setting central bank council surprised many by going for a full point at one stroke rather than the 1/2 point increases widely expected by financial markets.

The Bundesbank wants to see the Deutschemark stronger and see domestic inflation trends ease. The Bundesbank was viewed as eager to get higher rates in place before next year's round of state and federal elec-tions raised potential for opposition from Bonn. For central bank, its latest step should keep monetary expansion in check for the rest of this

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson had little choice, leaving base rates as 14 per cent would have risked a collapse in the relative value of the pound. The fall would have uneased powerful inflationary pressures and wrecked the Thatcher government's chances of restoring prices stability in Britain. With annual retail-price inflation running at an uncomfortably steep 7.3 per cent in August, albeit down from a peak of 8.3 per cent in May and June. On the otherside, corporate balance sheets are already weak and consumers are reeling from 16 months of rising rates, which have

May 1988, when Lawson began the campaign of ratcheting rates

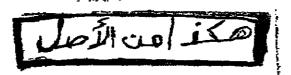
upward. Meanwhile, Britain's current account deficits is widening, pushed by surging imports and anaemic exports from UK manufacturers. Worries that the lofty interest rates will cool off consumer demand but do little to alter the external imbalances until Britain's commercial sector

improves its competitive standing. As for Japan, the European rate increases weren't followed. An official discount rate rise in Japan before the end of the year is unlikely unless the dollar strengthens mark-edly. The Bank of Japan's confidence that price rises will not accelerate and the likelihood at a general election early next year should prevent an increase in the 3.2 per cent discount

However, market interest rates are not expected to drop soon. The BOJ remain cautious of price rises, but the overall economic situation has not worsened sufficiently to require a discount rate rise. In Japan any change in interest rate policy would be on hold while there are expectations of

an election early next year. The September consumer price index in the Tokyo district showed a 1.0 per cent rise from August and 3.0 per cent year-on-year rise. It fell 0.2 per cent month-on-month in July and declined 0.3 per cent in August.

Assuming a stronger dollar, the discount rate might rise as early as December. If the dollar goes up to 145 yen and stays there, the Bank of Japan would be forced to seriously consider a rise in the discount rate.



#### He fought Spielberg's legendary shark almost to the death...now, in his new film, Roy Scheider battles a human enemy with an alarming appetite for beautiful blondes.

# .Playing cop

OY SCHEIDER starred as a police chief in Jaws. Now he's playing a cop on the trail of a killer, that's human but just as deadly.

Just as he is set for a quiet, romantic evening with his fiancee, he gets a call from headquarters. A serial murderer has struck again.

The third victin has been found hacked to death by what appears to be a meat cleaver and the clues are sparse. The killer leaves behind notes that read 'All the best" and "Best of luck." The victims all share the same physical characteristics - female, young, blonde and beautiful.

Scheider in the role of Lieutenant Mike Seaver, marries his fiancee Roxy and celebrates in an unusual way by taking her to the ball game, while

she's still wearing her wedding dress! As more bodies are brutalised, Seaver a baseball fan notices that the killer strikes when his own favourite team wins. "They win, and I lose another victim," he tells a colleague.

And as his team, the Houston Astros, play their final game, blonde, young and beautiful Roxy is out strolling on the beach in the moonlight ...

Scheider says of the film Night Game: "It's not all car chases and bullets flying. Although it's very suspenseful, there is also lots of humour in the way the characters interact with each other. That's one of the things I like most about this movie."

Scheider also played a cop in The French Connection, a far cry from his role as Jane Fonda's pimp in Klute. But he is still best remembered as the beleagured police chief in Jaws.

Yet that film is the cause of some regret for the

port authority official.

trade in Kuwait.

the area," he said.

instrumental in his choice of career as a merchant navy officer and then

During his schooling in Kuwait he became the leader of Kuwait's Sea

Scouts during the fifties. After a long sea service and plenty of marine experience he was called back to Kuwait to take charge of Shuaiba Port.

In January of 1988 an Amiri Decree was issued appointing him Assistant Director-General of Kuwait's Public Ports Authority.

In addition Al Naibari is also member of the British Chartered

Institute of Transport, the Institute of Material Handling, the United

States Naval Institute, as well as the Kuwaiti Graduates Association. He represented the State of Kuwait in many national and international

marine related conferences, such as the International Maritime Organ-

deep waters, made Kuwait an important link in the trade chain between

East and West. Kuwait became a commercial centre and transit point

the past few years faced an economic recession, attributed not only to

the Iraq-Iran war, but also to a small/medium trade recession world-

wide, Al Naibari commented when asked about the current recession of

Al Naibari went on saying that trade boom can be achieved with more confidence and relaxation of constraints coupled with extra

vigilance. Al Naibari who is optimistic about the situation following the

ceaselire in the Gulf war, participated in many emergency operations

during the war, such as removing drifting mines, putting off fires on oil tankers, and containing and cleaning oil slicks in Kuwait's waters.

"Despite the recession that set in after the war, Kuwait can still play a

major role in the region. Kuwaiti ports are considered among the best in

Al Naibari who studied in UK, School of Navigation at the Univer-

sity of Southampton, started his first sea voyage in October 1962, where

he joined a passenger ship at Falmouth-England, crossing the Bay of

Biscay during a very stormy night. "I felt very sick, as that big white ship kept bouncing like a ball on those very high waves. By dawn, the weather calmed and so did my stomach," he said.

Colonel Emidio Napolitano, chief of Italy's art police, proudly displays a valuable white marble head, dating

from the second century, and an ancient sculpture of a torso. (Reuter wirephoto)

Syria, Jordan and Iraq. Thus Kuwait is favoured by an established reputation in the field where sea ports play a vital role. Yet Kuwait in

The unique geographical position, with the nature of its coast and

: have been extended to in

isation, the International Ports and Harbours Association.

actor. First, he took a lump sum for the part, turning down the chance of a percentage in the box-office blockbuster. That would have made him a very rich

Second, he felt typecast for some time after Jaws and was grateful for the starring role in All That Jazz, finally "delivering me from Sharkville," as he puts it. The scripts started coming in at the rate of 10

a week and not three a month. All That Jazz saw Scheider playing a Hollywood musical director having a heart attack, but still declaring to his cast: "It's showtime, folks!"

A classically trained actor, Scheider slogged his way to Hollywood via the Broadway, stage.

He recalls one, seemingly less-than-successful audition. "The director asked me how tall I was. I said, 'Five foot eleven, six foot in shoes'. It seemed the prerequisite was you had to be six foot tall in this

play.

"I read my lines and the director asked again,
"I read my lines and the director asked again,
"I told him for the second "How tall are you?" and I told him for the second time. Then he asked me a third time and asked me to stand back-to-back with the stage manager.
"I said, 'You dumb sonofabitch. If Laurence

Olivier or Marlon Brando came to read for you, they wouldn't have got the part because they were too goddamned short!" Scheider, a former boxer, threw the script into the audience. It landed on the lap of a casting director on

The French Connection and that was the start of his The son of a garage owner in a tough part of New Jersey, he suffered rheymatic fever as a child. He was

also fat. He said: "Inside me is still the fat little boy,

Roy Scheider with director Steven Spielberg on the set of Jaws.

and the fear that I might turn into him again makes me a very compulsive, obsessively physical person. He exercises every day before taking coffee at his favourite cafe.

He intended to study law but the theatre seduced him. After his first paid role, he decided he would rather starve than do anything else. Scheider is

married to his second wife, Cynthia, a film director, and they have a grown-up daughter, Maximillia.

He lives in New York, shunning the Hollywood lifestyle. He has a straightforward approach to his career, too. "I like the films I make. I don't do as many as I could because I want to be excited about

#### A S a young boy, Abdul Rahman Al Naibari during the forties, used to sit on the seafront at a small port at the Sief area in Kuwait and watch dhows sail in from faraway places to unload their cargoes. Seas beckon Although his attention appeared to be focussed on the hustle and bustle in the port, his imagination was transported to faraway places in the Indian Ocean and the east coast of Africa. Naibari His curiosity and desire to explore the world beyond the Gulf, was

By Lime Al Khalafawi



"I was much happier when we entered the Mediterranean heading for Suez Canal, where we stopped for the pilot. I was very proud to be crossing the Canal. My duty that night was at the fore end of the ship holding the search light for the Canal pilot. Aden was the next stop

which I found most interesting place. From there we headed for Bombay where I left the passenger ship (having made few friends!!) and joined a cargo ship. We sailed for the Gulf. On entering the Strait of Hormuz, I remembered the old Kuwaiti seafaring traders on their dhows trading between the Gulf and other Asian countries," Al

When asked about the most difficult situation he faced, he said, during a voyage from Singapore to Japan in the winter of 1963, typhoon Sarah was in the China Sea. He was on an old steamer loaded with cargo for Japan. He said normally "our passage to Japan takes us between mainland China and Taiwan, but we could not make it and we drifted south of Taiwan, taking longer to arrive than normal. When we arrived in Kobe-Japan, we opened the hatches and found all the cargo loose and damaged." He added that later on in his sea life he had come across

worse situations, but got used to it by then, and did not mind.

Al Naibari joined the British India Steam Navigation Company in 1962, where he gained a great deal of experience, then moved to Kuwait Shipping Company, which was established in 1965. It later became the present United Arab Shipping Co.

When I asked him about any of his Kuwaiti colleagues in the same field, he said Captain Faisal Al Ghanim and himself were the first two Kuwaitis to go to sea. Captain Faisal chose oil tankers, I chose dry cargo ships — we still get together every now and then and we hope that we will succeed in establishing an association for merchant navy officers in Kuwait.

When asked about young Kuwaitis going to sea, he said "life at sea is very difficult and youths of today shun it, plus the fact that incentives

There is a great shortage of merchant navy officers world-wide, but no one is aware of it. We have now more than 100 qualified officers most of them work ashore, and I hope that more youths would go to

Al Naibari who visited more than 100 countries, is a father of two sons. He enjoys the family atmosphere with his wife who is working in one of the main banks in Kuwait. A man of wide knowledge and

experience. Al Naibari, is a voracious reader of old and new books. Al Naibari, in his mid forties, has his strong views of equality between men and women. He defends women's rights and new steps of joining different kinds of jobs in the new Kuwaiti society.

Sports is his best hobby, but due to the heavy schedule of work, Al Naibari does not practise it as much. His weekends are the best time

when he practises swimming or goes with his children to the club. Al Naibari, the man who gained a lot of experience on the seas still retains the ambition to fulfil one of his dreams — the creation of the. Kuwaiti Marine Association.

# Italy's art police wage war

TALY'S art police wage psychological warfare in their battle against swelling ranks of thieves plundering one of the world's richest art beritages. "It's a thrilling war of nerves," says Colonel Emidio Napolitano, head of the paramilitary police

department fighting to save Italy's art treasures. "The crucial thing is not to scare the thief into dumping a priceless Renaissance painting in a river or even a damp farmhouse."

Recovery is the priority for Napolitano, not catching the thieves — who in most cases know next to nothing about art and steal on commission.

Napolitano told Reuters in an interview his police team had recovered about half the 240,000 art treasures - from marble columns to Roman coins - stolen in Italy since 1969.

Their total value runs into tens of millions of

But his constant worry was that heavy handed-ness by non-specialist investigators would ruin the masterpiece he was after.

Investigators often go undercover to hide their true identity not just from the thieves, but also from regular police who sometimes dispute the principle that capturing the work of art should come first. Mistakes can cost millions. Napolitano said that

one robber, suddenly realising police were hot on his tracks, folded the canvas of a priceless Caravaggio

The crease marks on the 400-year-old painting Napolitano's 80-strong team masterminds the

hunts for stolen or illegally exported Italian art works from a noble 18th century residence near Rome's Trevi fountain.

Dark wood-panelled rooms are stacked high with recent recoveries - paintings of the Virgin and Child, crucifixes stolen from church altars, antique furniture, a fourth century BC white stone carving of a bull's head.

Proudly holding up a ceramic crucifix, the sprightly Napolitano cautioned.

These are only the tip of the iceberg. A huge amount of thefts never get reported. And more and more private Italian art collectors are selling works clandestinely to people abroad."

Opensia de la composição <del>Tomas de la composição de</del>

Napolitano leans heavily for help on America's FBI and the international police organisation Inter-

pol to thwart smugglers. In an address to the Council of Europe two years

ago, Napolitano described how paintings could be cut into pieces and reframed to avoid detection. Sometimes the canvas would be rolled into metal or cardboard tubes with advertising logos on the

outside, or hidden inside a carpet. Ceramic and

wooden objects were sometimes cut into sections to be reassembled later. After an appropriate time the stolen goods were channelled to the legitimate market through an

immense network of contacts both legal and illegal, Napolitano said. The buyers were often millionaire drug barons in Latin America, or collectors playing the buoyant art

market in the United States, Japan or Switzerland. "Buy a unique painting and it could well become a better refuge for your narco-dollars than, say, gold bullion. Spend a couple of million dollars today and it could be worth double that tomorrow," he told

Culture Minister Ferdinando Facchiano protests angrily when asked whether his ministry is doing enough to stop the flight of works of art.

"How can we protect Italy's heritage properly? My ministry only has 0.24 per cent of the national budget. We need more money, to pay for a catalogue of Italy's art treasures, and for alarm systems in more museums."

The creation of the single European market after 1992 could increase the workload even further for Napolitano's team. "It's an alarming prospect. More opportunities

for trade means more opportunities for trade in stolen art works," Facchiano warned. Many are pessimistic. According to one member

of Napolitano's force who declined to be named, the team is fighting a losing battle. "What do you think we can do? There's

absolutely no way we can put night guards on every archaeological dig. in every church and in every museum in the country.

"Italy's so full of works of art it's a thief's

paradise. Throw a stone through a church window and in a few minutes you're millions richer."

# Mystery of rings in the crop-field

SCOTLAND has its Loch Ness monster, and England has its crop-field rings.

Perfectly neat swirls of flattened crops, ranging from 10 to 100 feet (3-30 metres) in diameter, show up in the farmlands of southern England each year, and have intrigued

researchers for a decade. The geometric formations, found amid otherwise undisturbed crops, have yielded a maze of interpretations: electrically charged spinning balls of air, tiny holes in the ozone layer, flying saucers, rutting deers, helicop-ters flying upside down, herds of demented hedgehogs rotating in unison, and so on.

Tongue-in-cheek theorists say 40,000 of the spiny hedgehogs would be needed to create the "circle effect."

Hoaxes have been ruled out local military bases say helicop-ters have difficulty flying upside down. If animals are to blame, they leave no trail of bent or broken stems. Violent storms or whirlwinds create an unholy mess, not the precise patterns of crops crushed flat with the tautness of thatch.

Crops are never damaged, and continue to ripen until harvest.

More than 600 configurations have been recorded since 1980, in fields of grass, harvests of barley, oats or wheat, and stretches of sand, soil or snow. Of this summer's 270, two-thirds emerged in a square-mile (kilometre) zone near Avebury in Wiltshire county's rural terrain, including 28 in one field. At first, they were simple cir-

cles or had concentric "Saturn" rings. This year, one was ornamented with a long curling trail, like a tadpole's. A "Celtic cross" of four circles surrounding one large middle circle looks like it might have been formed by the landing pods of the standardimage alien spaceship.

Physicist Terence Meaden is convinced they are caused by a previously unknown vortex, an inverse "dust devil" which, instead of sucking the surface, slams

ster," Meaden said in an

"The Scottish one seldom gets its head above water.

More than 4,000 people have reported sighting Loch Ness' creature of the deep in modern times, and monster hunters have used everything from bread crums to submarines to try and pin down the 1,400-year-old legend.

The difference is that the monster rarely hangs around for long. whereas the rings are there for all

Serious research into the circles mystery began in 1980, four years after the first recorded sighting at Headbourne Worthy in Hampshire. Chroniclers have now traced sporadic sightings as far back as 1918, in countries as far apart as France, Canada and

Two new books on the phenomenon take opposite approa-ches, one scientific, one fantas-

In "The Circle Effect and its Mysteries," 54-year-old Meaden speculates that an unusual atmospheric disturbance created by winds passing over a hill in south England's undulating landscape-creates a spinning ball of air highly charged with electricity. It eventually plunges downward and leaves its uniform

He says witnesses have told of a vortex that gives off a humming sound "like the sound you get from electric power lines," and is huminous at night.

Summer-long attempts to photograph the phenomenon have all been in vain. One group of 50 scientists and engineers armed with high-tech sensors and scanners settled down for a nightlong vigil in June and, when dawn broke, discovered an elaborate pattern had formed directly behind their camp.

"It was as though some intelligence was saying, 'so you think you can pin us down," says Pat Delgado, co-author of "Circular Evidence" with electrical engineer Colin Andrews.

## Massachusetts probes link between cancers

THIS city that likes to call itself 'America's hometown' is under fire from opponents of nuclear energy convinced that a nearby power plant is responsible for Plymouth's unusually high leukaemia rate.

Plymouth, where European settlers in North America first put down permanent roots, is having second thoughts about a later arrival - the Pilgrim nuclear power plant.

Anti-nuclear campaigners are claiming that radiation released from the Pilgrim plant in 1974 and 1975 is killing residents.

Nobody disputes that the leukaemia rate is elevated. Between 1982 and 1986 there were 55 leukaemia deaths in Plymouth and four other towns along the coast - 19 more than statistically expected.

Massachusetts health officials are now tracking down each per-son who has developed cancer in Plymouth or its environs in an effort to determine the cause. But the cause of those tumours

may be elusive. Even when all cancer victims have been traced and their location recorded, health officials

say, investigators may never be able to point a finger precisely at the cause. Boston Edison Company which owns Pilgrim, says its

facility is innocent. It says the plant did not emit enough radiation to cause harm, especially not in the four neighbouring com-munities where high leukaemia rates have also been observed. David Tarantino, a Pilgrim

spokesman, said the total radioactivity released by the plant "has not been sufficient to cause one case of cancer, never mind cancer in places far removed." Leukaemia can appear several

years after exposure to radiation and cancer cases can occur in clusters, giving the appearance of a mini-epidemic.

Most of the time, however, investigators conclude that the cluster was just a random coincidence of cases.

'Clusters do occur. They come and go and there's no reason for it." said Richard Clapp, former director of the state's cancer reg-But he conceded the cluster

near the plant "was highly significant statistically compared with the rest of the state."

The fact that leukaemia appears about nine years after exposure to radiation and that the Massachusetts cases occurred about nine years after Pilgrim released radiation into the air was not proof. "But it certainly raises your level of sus-

picion," Clapp said. Tarantino said the amount of radiation released was only "slightly elevated."
"None of the detectors outside

the plant boundaries have detected radiation beyond normal background levels," he added. But according to Ellen Cargill, nuclear medicine researcher, that was because Pilgrim's detectors are not sensitive to the

dominant type of radiation released by the plant. Cargil said federal documents show that Pilgrim is permitted to release more radiation than other plants, and that the nuclear plant has periodically exceeded that unusually high standard.

The suggested link between the plant and the leukaemia cases has been buttressed by a theory that sea breezes might be able to trap radiation released by Pilgrim. According to the theory, the breezes were constantly concentrating radioactive particles and exposing residents to them.

Tarantino said that the theory. developed by Dr Sidney Cobb, a retired Brown University professor, was discredited by a study called the Spengler report.

But that report concluded: The sea breeze and gradient winds would advect (carry by wind) emissions over populated areas ... thus a modified Cobb hypothesis' is probable."

The Pilgrim plant recently went to 100 per cent power for the first time since April 1986, when it was shut down after a series of technical problems.

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#### **JUNIOR TIMES**

#### Happy birthday



Vasana Wijeratne celebrates her 6th birthday on October 25. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Vasana goes to the Indian School and likes watching TV.



Navneet Lamba celebrated her 6th birthday on October 20. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

Navneet goes to the Indian School and likes watching TV and reading.



Lubna Azzeh celebrated her 6th birthday on October 19. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

Lubna goes to the Alahliya School and likes painting and cartoons.



Ahmad Manboob celebrates his 7th birthday today, October 24, Happy birthday from parents. family and friends.

Ahmad goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes drawing.



Gigi Adam Gupta celebrates his 6th birthday ioday, October 24. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Gigi goes to the Indian School and likes swimming and playing

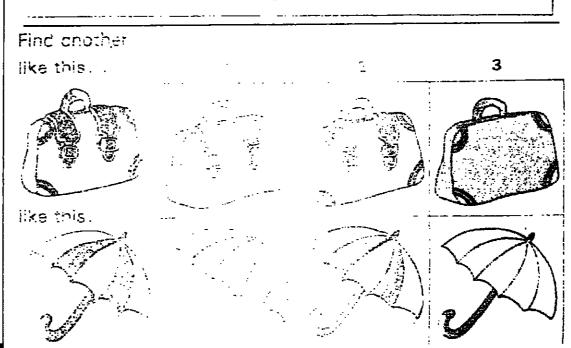


Jasmeet Singh celebrates his 7th birthda, en October 24 Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Jasmeet goes to the Carmel School and likes watching cartoons and films.

How many things in this picture can you find that begin with the letter C?





# Red jelly for me, please

By Julie Hudgson

THERE was once a little blind orphan boy, who lived in a home, for blind children. He was only 6 years old, but as he had been blind since birth, he had got quite used to it. He only had a few friends. He was very quite, and softly spoken.

On one particular afternoon, there was to be a party, he was not sure who it was for, or why they are having one. He certainly could not read the notice board, could he?

All the boys and girls had been led into a room. The room smelt of cake and icecream, thought the little boy. He sat on his own in the corner (where he always sat), thinking about nothing in par-ticular, when all of a sudden, he heard his friend shout his name.

"Danny, get someone to lead you to the table."

"Alright" he said very puzzled with himself. He could hear music, and hear lots of people walking

around. He felt his arm being taken by someone, who led him to a scat. He felt his way around his part

of the table, he felt, a cup. a plate, and lots of different There was someone

talking, so all went silent. "Boys and girls, today is Danny's birthday, and what he does not know, is that we have found a new munimy and daddy for him, who will love and care for him forever," said a tearful nurse.

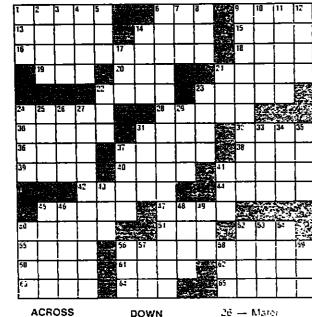
Danny could not believe his ears, he felt two people. one either side, say hello, and hold his hand, one was a lady, she smelt of roses. the lady said she would be his new mummy, if he wanted it, the other person would be his new daddy. Tears were gently sliding down the little boys cheeks. The nurse asked him, if he was hungry, he stood up, took hold of his new parents hands' smiled through his tears, and said: 'Red jelly for me.

#### Draw a scary face.

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#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

#### BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FOURTH-ROUND LOSERS

Esmy Dias celebrates her

4th birthday today,

October 24. Happy birth-

day from parents, family

Esmy likes dancing and

watching cartoons.

Munira Hashim celebrated

her birthday on October

22. Belated greetings from parents, friends and

Munira goes to the

Indian School and likes

collecting stamps.

Najma Khalid Guddapah

celebrated her 1st birthday

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Neither vulnerable. South deals. NORTH **♠** J 4 3 732 A K 8 4 **EAST ★ 8765** Q 10 KJ98 QJ75 10963 ÷ KQJ1098 ♣ 7 SOUTH 4 AKQ 109 A 654 **♣** 632 The bidding: South West North Fast ; **4** 2 🌣 Pass Pass 3 Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: King of 4

High on the list of the world's most complete bridge professionals would be Eddie Kantar of Los Angoles. He's a world champion player, a prolific writer and the most popular teacher on the West Coast. A few years ago he published a series of 20 lessons that proved to be a best seller. Now there are 15 more thantar Lessons II, published by Eddie Kantar, P.O. Box 427, Venice. Calif. 90291-0427. \$35 including postage. Or send \$50 for all 35 lessons :..

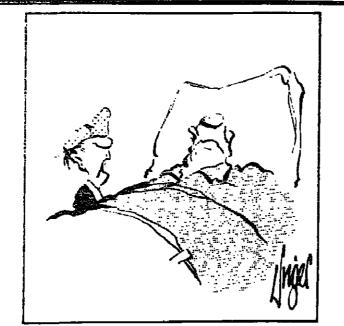
The new series includes such subjects as The Negative Double; Entries; Avoidance Play; Card Combinations; Hand Evaluation. In the above example, from the chapter on Proper Care and Handling of Fourth-Round Losers, you reach a normal contract of four spades. North's three-spade bid is forcing and shows three-card support with opening bid values.

In the lesson Kantar discusses how, when you hold a high trump in dummy, your first order of duty is to ruff a loser on the table. Here, for instance, if you draw even one round of trumps, you are headed for defeat. Each time an opponent wins a heart trick a trump will be returned, and dummy will not have a trump for declarer's fourth heart.

South must win the opening lead and immediately discard a club on a winning diamond. South remains with a club loser, two certain heart losers, and the problem of the fourth heart.

"On the plus side, dummy has a high trump to care for South's fourth heart. The point of the play is to start hearts before spades.

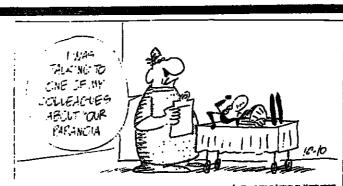
"South plays the ace and a heart. Regardless of how the defense develops, South concedes a third heart and ruffs the fourth in dummy." Easy to follow and eminently sensible, like the rest of the course.



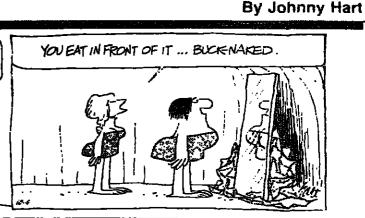
"My school report card is not going to help your ulcer."

#### THE WIZARD OF ID

#### By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



I GOT YOU SOMETHING WHAT TO HELP YOU LOSE WEIGHT. ISIT?



#### YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

This is a good day on which to make up for lost time. You should not sacrifice accuracy for the sake of speed. Leave yourself with more room for manoeuvre and do not pent up your emotions. Be fair.



You should not think of eveything as black and white ignoring the shades in between. The Moon's better influence will help you to hold your nead high. Without being disobedient, do not allow others to tell you what to do.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

There will be some tensions but them The influence of Mars will help you to deal with an awkward situation. Do not attempt to do something for which more skill is



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should make sure you do not allow some preconceptions to get in the way of a clear judgement. The Sun's influence will help you to sort things out. You will have to deal with a rather impatient person. Be responsive.



You have a lot to do and will easily jump from one thing to another. However retrain, far better to do one thing at a time. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 37. Work hard but do allow yourself some



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Make sure you do not eat too much too late at night. You will have more success than you expec ted but you must continue to work hard. An important project should not be allowed to fall behind. Be



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

At first all will go well but later you will come up against some obstacles. Do not allow them to intimidate you, just face up to them and meet them fairly and squarely. Show a little more goodwill towards others. Be moderate.



Some initial doubts will quickly be overcome. You should not place too much trust too soon in a person not well known to you. Do not try

to evade the responsibility for your



actions. Be generous.

There will still be time to correct a mistake you have made, but you

must be on the lookout for it. Something you did not quite understand to begin with will now



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Try to avoid doing anything that might give offence. Are you sure that you are not sailing in the wrong direction? Your intuitions are likely to lead you astray, listen to the voice of reason. Be firm.



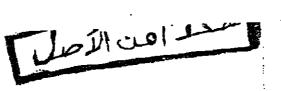
Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18) You will have a little more room for manoeuvre. Try not to do anything which you think you might well come to regret. You should not

rely on good luck, such as you will



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should not make up your nand on the spur of the moment nor should you rely on good luck However there is no need at all to lose confidence in yourself. Do not allow your peace of mind to be disturbed. Be considerate.



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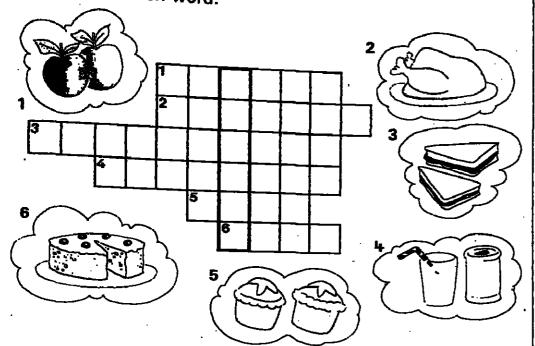
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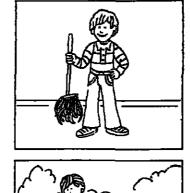




Look at the pictures. Colour them. Circle the picture that shows what is more likely to happen next.







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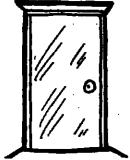
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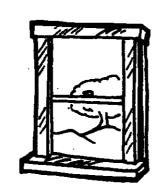
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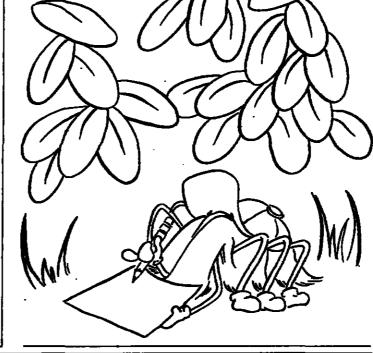
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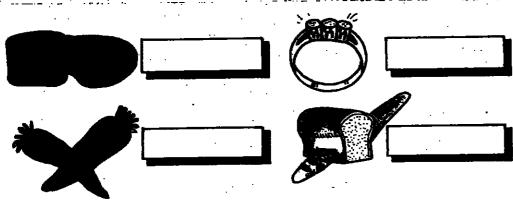




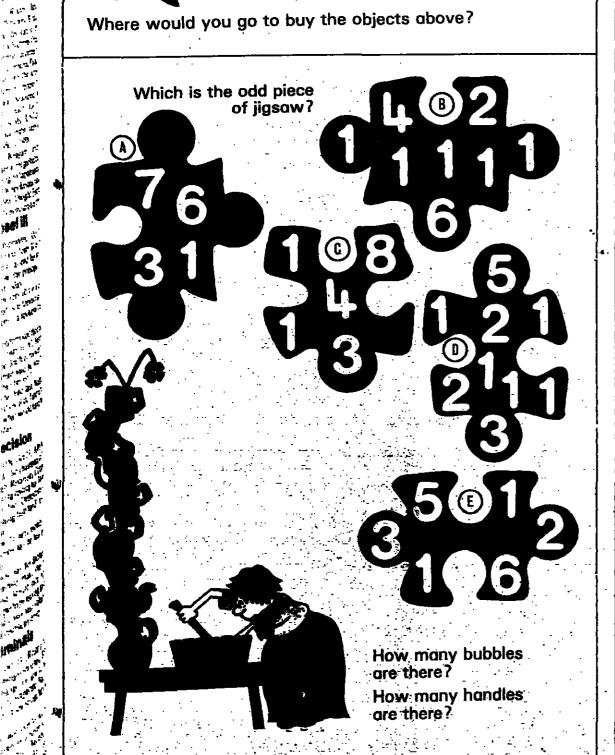




# You name it



Where would you go to buy the objects above?



#### Dear Junior readers,

The trend in Kuwait now-a-days seems to circulate all around nature ... making Kuwait green. The ministries, institutes and foundations are doing their best to promote the compaign and making everybody, big or small, wary of the luxuries of a natural green corpet.

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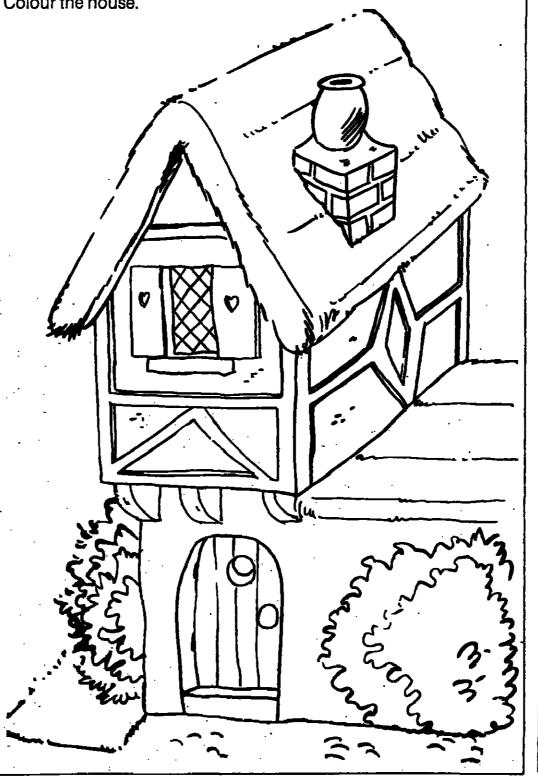
Some of them even hang from tree branches, making the trees weak and Hable to break with the slightest gust of wind.

Not only does this ruin the plants appearance but each and every living thing, including plants have the sense of pain. So imagine how torturing it

If you see any of these noughtly children doing all of these nasty things, ask them how they would like it if somebody pulled off their hair or swung from their shoulders.

# **Colouring time**

Houses like this are featured in so many stories. Can you list them? Colour the house.



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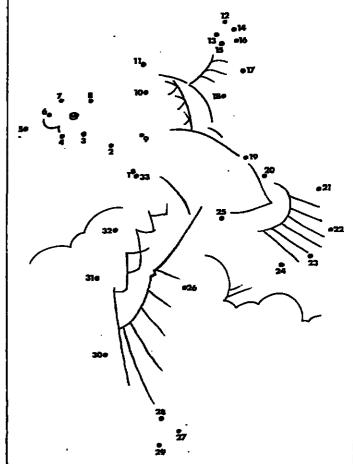
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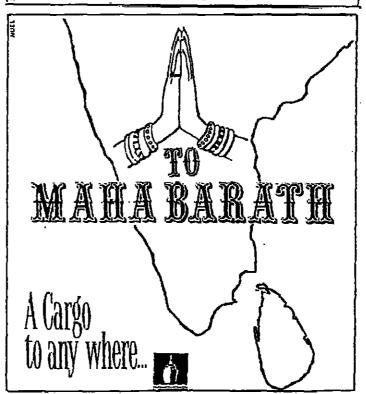
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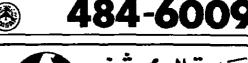
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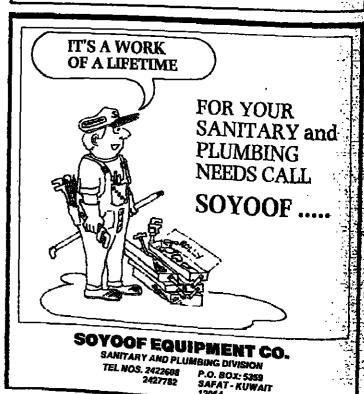


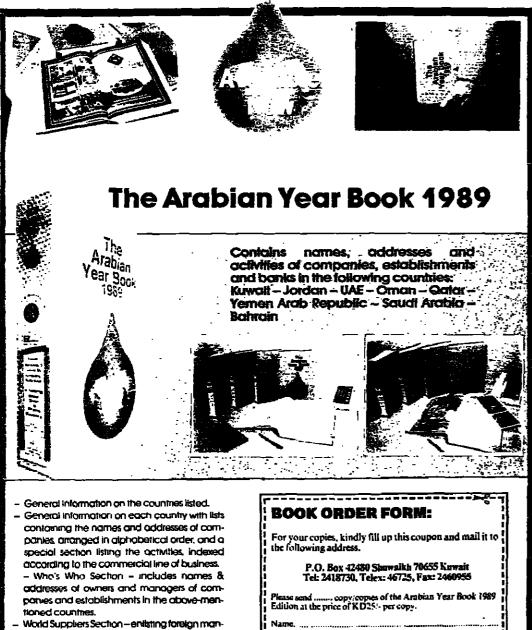


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# Eagles, KU win

IN the big game of the KISL week-end, the undefeated Eagles topped Kay and Associates, 13-8, to raise their record to 3-0. In other games, the UAS teachers improved their record to 2-1 with a convincing 11-4 win over the FHWA Falco ns, who dropped to 0-3. KU kept pace with the Eagles by blanking All-Japan, 24-0, to set up next week end's showdown game between the league's only unbeaten teams.

The Eagles had a surprisingly easy time against Kay, leading 1 1-2 after four innings, thanks mainly to seven walks in the first 1 1/3 innings. Meanwhile, Eagles coach and pitcher Al Rodier was excellent in holding the top four Kay batters to a total of two hits. while giving up only three walks and one earned run. The Eagles

scored in all but one inning.

The big hit of the game was Proctor's two-out, two-run triple in the third. Top Eagles hitters, all with singles. were Stombaugh, 3; Burris, 3; Shelstad, 2; Howell, 2; and Andre, 2. Key hits were Stombaugh's bases-loaded single in the second and Burris' three RBI singles in the first, second and fourth. Kay's big inning was the sixth

when six runs scored. Roger reached base on an error, and Stanley D'Souza singled. With two out, Robinson and Ehret were safe on errors, and Diemler walked to fill the bases. Bob Nicholson then doubled to the fence to bring in two runs, and Kevin Stevenson foliowed with his second BRI single of

the game.
The FHWA Falcons led UAS, 1-0, after two innings, but the teachers scored five unanswered runs in the third, three in the fourth and three in the sixth to coast to victory. Winning pitcher John Dennis held FHWA to seven singles and a

Walks and errors opened the door to all three UAS railies. In the third, Downs and Dennis walked, Looper singled to load the bases, and Perry singled home two. Two outs later, clean-up slugger Jerry Cook doubled to the leftfield fence for two more. In the fourth, Wood walked, Dennis reached base on an error, and with two out, Perry singled, Hendershot was safe on an error, and Parker singled. In the sixth, Downs walked, Looper was safe on an error, and with two out, Hendershot walked, Parker singled home one run, and then Carl Royal doubled home two more.

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For FHWA, Doug Bennett accounted for three of the four Falcon runs with a sacrifice fly in the first and a bases-loaded two-out double down the right-field line in the seventh to score Quinones and Bauer, The other FHWA run-scored on three UAS errors in the

In the day's finale, KU pitcher Mike Anderson racked up his third victory by blanking the Bazookas on six hits. Leading All-Japan were T. Yamada with a single and double and Yase with two singles, to account for two-thirds of the Bazookas' hits. For KU, the big hitters were Ed Smith with three triples and five RBIs and Karl Anderson with three singles, an over-the-fence home run (KISL's first this year) and four RBΓs.

In the key first inning, KU scored 18 times on ten hits and eight walks, highlighted by Smith's two triples and four RBIs and K. Anderson's two singles and two RBI's and Karl Anderson with three singles, an over-the-fence home run (KISL's first this year)

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# Fuller stable after neck fracture

# 49ers sail past Patriots

NEW YORK, Oct 23, (AP): Steve Young took over when Joe Montana sustained a knee sprain late in the first half, completing 10 of 11 passes for three touchdowns as the San Francisco 49ers (6-1) beat the New England Patriots 37-20. A crowd of 80,000 gathered at Stanford Stadium for the Bay Area's first pro sporting event since last week's earthquake. The game was to have been played at Candlestick Park but had to be moved because of the quake. Saints 40, Rams 21

Bobby Hebert threw touch-down passes of 54 yards to Floyd Turner and 37 yards to Eric Martin on consecutive plays early in the third quarter, and New Orleans won its second straight game after losing four in a row. Dalton Hilliard scored three touchdowns, including one on a 20yard pass from Hebert on the Saints' second play of the game. Glants 20, Chargers 13

Ottis Anderson ran for a pair of second-half touchdowns and the New York Giants (6-1) held on to beat San Diego. San Diego (2-5) trailed by 14 points when Maurice Carthon of the Giants fumbled deep in Chargers



Montana is wheeled off the field after injuring his leg. (Reuter wirephoto).

territory. Vencie Glenn picked up the ball and ran 81 yards for a touchdown on the longest fumble return in Chargers' history.

missed a 27-yarder with 16 seconds left in regulation, kicked a 28-yard field goal with 7:46 Broncos 24, Seshawks 21, OT David Treadwell, who had

gone in overtime as Denver (6-1) overcame a 14-0 halftime deficit at Seattle (3-4). Seattle's Norm Johnson missed a 40-yard field goal 5:12 into overtime. Dolphins 23, Packers 20 Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 33-

yard field goal with six seconds to play, giving Miami (4-3) the victory after Green Bay scored two touchdowns in the final six minutes. Dan Marino moved Miami into field goal range with pass



Giants' Perry Williams (left) tackles Chargers' Tim Spencer. (Reuter Cowboys' running back Paul Palmer (right) is tackled by Chiefs linebackers. (Reuter wirephoto).

#### and 20 and 14 yards to Mark Standing of National Football League teams after games played yesterday (tabulate under won, lost, tied, points for,

Standings

Indianapolis (4-3) turned a pair of Cincinnati turnovers into a 12-yard touchdown pass by Jack Trudeau and a 21-yard scoring run by Eric Dickerson 45 seconds apart late in the game. Cincinnati (4-3) led 12-9 before fumbling, then giving the ball up on an interception on consecutive possessions.

Oilers 27, Steelers 0 Warren Moon threw three touchdown passes in the first half, and Houston's defense held Pittsburgh to 132 total yards en route to its first shutout since 1980. Moon completed his first eight passes and finished 17-for-229 yards as Houston (4-3), moved into a first-place tie with Cincinnati in the AFC Central.

Meanwhile, San Francisco 49ers player Jeff Fuller suffered multiple neck fractures during yesterday's game and is in stable condition, team officials said.

The injury was not lifethreatening but could cost the star defensive back the use of his right arm, team physician Dr

Michael Dil	ling	ham said.	
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Denver	24	Seattle	2
San Francisco	37	New England	21



Broncos' John Elway (No.7) chases a fumble after he mishandled the

# Igbal Jr takes Starlite past MCC World championship

A SPECTACULAR century by Igbal (Jr) enables Starlite to enter into the semifinals of Quaide-Azam cricket tournament with 186-run victory over MCC, at the KLC ground on Friday.

Starlite's captain Iqbal Rizvi, after winning the toss, decided to open the innings with his partner Iqbal (Jr). Playing cautiously, both the players took the score to 30 in five overs when Iqbal Rizvi was bowled by Iftikhar.

Baber then joined Iqbal (Jr) and both of them demoralised the MCC bowlers with some power-packed drives and pulis to

STUTTGART, West Germany,

Oct 23, (Reuter): The graceful

Svetlana Boginskaya may be the

rightful new queen of gymnastics

but she was firmly upstaged by Romania's Daniela Silivas as the

World Championships drew to a

produce a partnership worth 97 runs for the 2nd wicket. The partnership ended when

Baber was out playing on for 29 runs, which included one sixer. Playing almost every shot in the book with great timing and perfection, Iqbal (Jr)'s knock was spectators' delight. His unbeaten knock of 102 runs contained one mighty six and ten

Maqsood (Sr) and Ejaz Butt played well and scored 33 and 34 runs respectively. Ejaz' innings contained three mighty sixes and at the end of the allotted 25 overs,

Silivas firmly upstages Boginskaya

up medal as Boginskaya ran

But it is the plucky Silivas that

most fans will remember, win-

ning three apparatus gold medals

in two days and gatecrashing

Boginskaya's celebrations of the

To add insult to injury, Silivas

was presented with an award at

floor title along the way.

away with the crown.

Starlite managed to score 243 runs for four wickets.

MCC's batsmen could not face the hostile bowling of the Starlite's bowlers Patel, Ejaz Butt and Maqsood (Jr) They were bundled out for only 57 runs. Only Tariq (15) and Arshad (14) could reach double figures while five of the MCC batsmen were out for ducks.

Starlite's Maqsood (Jr) took 3 wickets for only one run. Patel took 4 wickets for 12 runs while Ejaz Butt took 2 for 27 runs. Starlite won in 11 overs.

ming gymnast by spectators. Boginskaya watched the

Romania, after losing the

women's team title to the Soviet

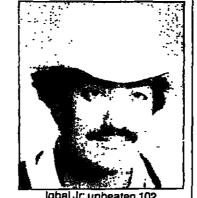
Union and seeing the demise of

1987 world champion Aurelia

Dobre, will want to rebuild their

team around Cristina Bontas,

proceedings with a pout.



#### Meridien win

MERIDIEN Cricket Club beat A.C.C. away by 32 runs in a friendly match held at the Church grounds on Friday. After winning the toss Meridien elected to bat. Zaheer and Mirza put on 120 runs for the first

Zaheer scored 68 runs with seven boundaries and one six while Mirza hit 50 (retired). Meridien score 185 in 25 overs for the loss of 6 wickets. Ghulab scored 77 not out, with three sixes and five fours, as ACC managed 153 runs in 25 overs for the

# to be on trial in Paris

SUZUKA, Japan. Oct 23. (Reuter): The outcome of the 1989 World Drivers' Champiouship and the credibility of Formula One motor racing will be under scrutiny in Paris this week when McLaren's appeal against the result of yesterday's Japanese Grand Prix is heard.

The title, won by Frenchman Alain Prost following his McLaren team-mate Ayrton Senna's disqualification after finishing first in a tense and controversial race, could be devalued by the outcome of the International Automobile

Federation (FIA) court of appeal hearing.

For if the Brazilian's appeal is upheld and his victory allowed, serious doubts about the power, influence and integrity of the sport's governing body. the International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa), may be raised.

A Senna win, which would be the 21st of his career, would keep alive his chances of a second successive title and ensure that the Australian Grand Prix on November 5 could enhance its attractiveness by being billed as a title showdown. After a series of sometimes bewildering interpretations of the regulations, apparently uneven punishments and well-publicised disputes this season, the outcome of the case will need to be seen to be impartial.

As with the black flag controversy that followed Briton Nigel Mansell's

disqualification last month, opinion is divided in the paddock. Mansell was disqualified, fined and banned for one race but Senna, who ignored a series of flags in Spain a week later, suffered only a line.

The collision between Prost and Senna was seen by many as the most

predictable conclusion to their long-running silent feud — the immovable object refusing to yield to the irresistible force. Each driver left the circuit last night convinced he was in the right, Senna claiming he saw his disqualification as a temporary measure that would be clarified in his favour in Paris on Thursday.

A San Francisco (an holds up a sign refering to the Oct 17 earthquake, during 49ers' game against Patriots. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Cosmos hold Flying Arrows to 1-1 draw

THE top of the table clash in Group A of the Monterio Cup hockey tournament between Cosmos and Flying Arrows ended in a tame I-I draw at the

Ahmadi grounds or Friday.
Cosmos, who have emerged as a force to be reckoned with, had control of the game and kept the Flying Arrows defence on their toes. Sunil along with Trevor-controlled the Flying Arrows defence.

Flying Arrows were awarded a hotly disputed penalty, when the Cosmos right-back hooked centre-forward Martin's stick in the striking circle. The resultant pen-alty stroke was converted by

Cosmos mounted more pressure and in the second half were rewarded for their efforts. A penalty-corner from Eldrid was deflected by Sunil into the net after the goalkeeper was caught on the wrong footing.

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Games scheduled for Friday Oct 27.
Unity vs Kwt. Indp. (Gold) at 2.30 pm.

All team managers/secretaries have been asked to be present at the hockey pavilion at 3.30 pm to witness the draws for the Sharma Trophy.

#### Martin triumphs

ROCKINGHAM, North Carolina, Oct 23, (AP): Mark Martin ended nearly seven years of frustration of Nascar's Winston Cup circuit, keeping his car under control in a caution-plagued AC Delco 500 yesterday to take a three-second victory over points

leader Rusty Wallace. Martin drove his Ford Thunderbird into the lead on lap 416 at North Carolina Motor Speedway and slowly widened the gap on Wallace. He crossed the finish line 3.02 seconds in front, earning \$52,800.

This is a preview of things to come," said Martin.

#### Olympic silver medallist Silivas failed miserably in her aim of winning the all-round winner of a silver and a bronze individual medal here. the closing ceremony yesterday after being voted the most chartitle, not even earning a runners-World Series set to resume on Friday



Agnos (lett) and Vincent at the press conference. (Reuter wirephoto).

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 23, (Reuter): The World Series, suspended since last Tuesday, is now slated to resume on Friday as the San Francisco Bay Area fights to return to normalcy in the after-math of northern California's massive earthouake

Major League commissioner Fay Vincent and San Francisco mayor Art Agnos held a joint news conference yesterday to announce the decision.

"We have agreed that baseball should resume with enthusiasm at Candlestick Park this week." said Vincent, who met Agnos on Saturday night and again yesterday to discuss the status of the Agnos said be gave his blessing

to resume the baseball championship pending "iron-clad assurances" that Candlestick Park was structurally safe. He added that preliminary reports indicated it was sound and final reports were expected by today. The San Francisco stadium

suffered minor damage in the quake and work crews have been busy making repairs. The commissioner had

hoped the World Series could resume on Tuesday, pending the approval of the mayor. "Tuesday was too ambitious," conceded Vincent.

The best-of-seven series between the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics, who won the first two games played in Oakland, has been suspended since the quake struck half an hour before the start of game 3 at Candlestick.
Agnos said this Tuesday was

100 soon to resume the series because the city needed more time to deal with logistical problems - particularly the massive traffic jams anticipated due to closure of the bay bridge and sections of the highway because of quake damage.

"For most San Franciscans the shock and the grief of this catastrophe has just begun to wear and we are turning to the work of putting people's lives back together again," Agnos

"With the exception of the eight to 10 blocks of hardest hit areas in the marina and other

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returned to normal." he added.

opera is performing, the buses

are transporting people to and from those and other events

that resuming the series was the

best course even though some

have argued that it should be

cancelled in the aftermath of the

tragedy that is known to have

killed at least 59 people, left more

than 13,000 homeless and caused

He said it was important to

respect a tragedy but then to go

billions of dollars in damage.

ahead and live one's life.

around the city.

and Sunday.

The cable cars are running, the

'We've even had our first

#### World chess champion Gary Kasparov stopped all specula-tion that machines might be mentally superior to man as he trounced the world's most highlyrated chess computer in two

Kasparov beat Thought,' in 53 moves in the first game and 37 moves in the second. The computer resigned both

short games yesterday.

Both games were all but over by the 20th move, commentators said.

"He has just beaten it with an protest demonstration — a sure ease we couldn't have imagined," said Shelby Lyman, the televsign we are gaining our equilibrium in San Francisco." ision chess commentator who Games three, four and, if offered move-by-move analyses necessary, five are scheduled for for the crowd of more than 400 Candlestick on Friday, Saturday paying customers at the New York Academy of Art.

Games six and seven, if Before the matches, Kasparov needed, would return to Oakhad told a news conference that land, although Vincent admitted while the computer was good, it he had not yet consulted with did not have enough "fantasy, Oakland mayor Lionel Wilson. intuition and imagination." He had studied more than 50 Vincent said he was confident

of the computer's past games. "They can improve it very much in the future. In two or three years it will be strong against reasonable grand mas-ter," Kasparov said after the

නුකය. Chess grand masters said Kasparov won with a quiet but aggressive game whih simply wore down the computer,



Gary Kasparov

analysed each move on a large chess board.

Thought's biggest problem was its failure to perceive that it was in trouble.

Murray Campbell, one of a

Kasparov defeats computer

Lyman and Edmar Mednis

Kasparov said the Deep

team of graduate students from Carnegie Mellon who created Deep Thought, said the computer failed to realise it was at a disadvantage until about 10 moves too late. The computer was operated by Campbell and Feng Hsiung Hsu,

who sat at the table with Kasp-arov punching in each move. "I think it played interesting chess (but) it was clearly out-

done. We have to learn from that and we did. We learned a lot," Campbell said afterwards. The search in the programme clearly has some drawbacks. It wasn't seeing these unexpected

moves and it should have been seeing them." Lyman added that the computer had its biggest problem with openings. That's very hard. You need a strong grand

master to prepare openings for Response in the second game was general laughter at the 14th

move when everyone assumed the computer would resign within the next five moves.

Deep Thought had already beaten several grand masters. The computer's United States

Chess Federation rating is 2550, slightly higher than the average for a grand master. Kasparov's rating is 2780, which is the highest in the world and equal to that of former chess champion Bobby

#### SAS bridge

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday: 1st Dona Materny & Bianca Mous-

SPORTS BRIEFS

2nd Clara Bastiere & Eliana Keralla 3rd Rabab Abboushi & Nadia

October 15 game: lst Dona Materny & Bianca Mous-2nd Rabab Abboushi & Nadia

#### 3rd Clara Bastiere & Eliana Keralla DC International

LAUREL, Md., Oct 23, (Reuter): Showing his fondness for grass, Caltech led from wire-to-wire to score an upset victory in the 38th running of the Washington DC International horse race at Laurel Race Course

#### Youthful look

LONDON, Oct 23, (Reuter): Mark Linnett, of Moseley, and Harlequins' Andy Mullins have been chosen to give England's front row a more youthful look for their international against Fiji at Twickenham on Nov

#### **British soccer**

LONDON, Oct 23, (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches yesterday: English Division One: Manchester City 0 Aston Villa 2: Scottish League Cup Final: Aberdeen 2 Rangers 1. (After extra time. Score at 90 minutes -i. halftime i-i)

#### **Guillemette wins**

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Oct 23, (AP): Ireland's Mike Carey led for the first 20 miles (32 kilometres) before dropping to third, leaving first place to Glenn Guillemette in the annual Newport marathon yester-

#### Pierre triumphs

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Oct 23, (AP): Gancia Dei Gancia, driven by Patrice Toussaint Pierre of Monaco, yesterday won the Union Internationale Motonautique Class I World Championships in a day of power boat racing that was marred by the death of another boat's driver, Kevin Brown of the United States.

#### **NHL Games**

NEW YORK, Oct 23, (Reuter): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played on Sunday: Winnipeg Jets 5 Edmonton Oilers 4; Chicago Black Hawks 7 Los Angeles

#### Consolation game

ROME, Oct 23, (AP): Bob McAdoo scored 36 points as Philips Milan defeated Barcelona 136-104 yesterday in the consolation game of the McDonald's Open basketball tour-

#### **Dutch cyclist**

BARCELONA, Spain, Oct 23, (AP): Dutch cyclist Erik Breukink won the 26th International Race up Montjuic Hill yesterday. The race comprised two events, a road race and an individual time trial.

#### Frost triumphs

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Oct 23, (AP): Top-seeded Morten Frost of Denmark defeated No. 2 seed Zhao ua of China in the men's singk final of the Danish Open badminton championships yesterday for his fourth Grand Prix win of the year. The 31-year-old Dane prevailed 15-12, 15-13 after a thrilling match with

#### **British athlete**

LONDON, Oct 23, (AP): Hi-jinks in a Spanish nightclub and ill-will toward track officials got pole vaul-ter Mike Edwards kicked off the English team for the Commonwealth

# Pakistan score 66-run victory

# Imran and Qadir rout Aussies

(Agencies): Pakistan skipper Imran Khan and his trusted leg spinner Abdul Qadir claimed three wickets each to lead their side to victory against Australia in their one-day Nehru Cup cricket match today.

Pakistan, who lost the toss and were asked to bat, set a modest target for the World Cup oneday champions but Imran, who took three for 13 to win the Man of the Match award, and Qadir made sure the batsmen were never comfortable.

After Pakistan were restricted to 205 for eight in their 50 overs. mainly through some fine seam bowling by Terry Alderman who took four for 22. Australia collapsed to be all out for 139 in 43.2 overs.

They began disastrously, los-ing David Boon run out before he had scored and with only two runs on the board.

Dean Jones batted adventurously and reached his 50 off 78 balls with five boundaries. But when he had made 58 Qadir, who finished with three for 27, trapped him leg before.

Imran did the most damage to Australia's middle order, claiming the wickets of captain Allan Border, Steve Waugh and Simon O'Donnell in quick succession for a total of only seven runs between them to leave Australia

struggling at 70 for five. The only other resistance came

NEW DELHI, Oct 23, (Reuter):

West Indies cricket captain Viv

Richards devastated India's bat-

ting in the Nehru Cup today with

a haul of six wickets, including

Three batsmen fell to his off-

spin in the space of four balls of

the 38th over as West Indies skit-

tled out the host country for 176

and were sent in, scored 196 for

nine in a match reduced to 45

overs a side after bad light

It was West Indies' first win in

three matches in the six-nation

tournament and ended a five-

match losing streak in one-day

Richards' first victim of the

38th over was Ravi Shastri who

West Indies, who lost the toss

three in one over.

to win by 20 runs.

delayed the start.



Pakistan's captain Imran raises his arms in jubilation after taking his third wicket. (Reuter wirephoto)

Richards' off-spin destroys India

Jeff Dujon.

WEST INDIES

from Peter Taylor who batted with a runner after apparently pulling a muscle and was unbeaten on 31 at the finish. Alderman claimed three wick-

ets in seven balls as only Shoaib Mohammad of the Pakistani batsmen looked comfortable on a pitch helpful to the bowlers. Opener Shoaib made 73, his

sixth half-century in one-day

had hit him for a six but was

caught next ball by Robert

Haynes at deep mid-wicket when

Two balls later Kapil Dev was

dismissed for seven, caught as he

tried to drive, and Kiran More

fell leg before to the next delivery.

who is better known for his out-

standing batting, said the key to

the match was his earlier dismis-

sal of Mohammed Azharuddin.

the middle order and was begin-

ning to hit out when he tried to

drive a ball that kept low and

India with a fine 61 which

included six fours from his 81

balls before edging fast bowler

Courtney Walsh to wicketkeeper

Raman Lamba top scored for

gave Richards a return catch.

Azharuddin came in to anchor

After the match Richards,

he tried to repeat the feat.

internationals, striking seven boundaries off the 121 balls he faced before becoming one of Alderman's victims. In the morning Lawson got the first breakthrough for Australia

caught by Dean Jones at midfor 2 in the fourth over. After one-down batsman Shahid Saeed was caught and bowled

A 66-run partnership between

Richards and Richie Richardson

had earlier helped West Indies

Scoreboard

D. Haynes c More b Prabhakar ....

M. Marshall c Amarnath b Sharma 27

Total (uine wickets — 45 overs) .. 196 Fall of wickets: 1-11 2-44 3-65 4-

Bowling: Kapil Dev 8-1-23-1, Prab-

131 5-139 6-168 7-177 8-183 9-185

Best e Lamba b Sharma ...

R. Richardson c and b Avub...

G. Logie b Amaraath

J. Dujon st More b Ayub

W. Benjamin b Kapil Dev. C. Ambrose not out ......

Extras (ib-12 ab-1 w-5)

R. Haynes b Sharma ...

C. Waish not out ...

recover from a slow start.

when he had Rameez Raja

Miandad came together for a useful 72-run stand for the third

Miandad, perhaps the best batsman in contemporary oneday cricket, fell to the wiles of skipper Allan Border's left-arm spin just as he was looking set for a good score. He was brilliantly caught by Lawson at long on, who dived to his right to snatch up a lofted shot inches from the ground.

The Pakistan vice-captain scored a quicksilver 34, and his departure signalled a middleorder collapse for Pakistan.

Alderman returned for a second spell, in which he dismissed Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmed and Shoaib. At the other end, Border shuffled the pace bowlers after spinner Peter Taylor did not

prove penetrating. Lawson and Hughes got a wicket each and although O'Donneil did not draw blood, his 10 overs late in the Pakistan innings cost Australia only 38 runs. Hughes' stint included a maiden in the crucial 49th over.

Wasim Akram restored some respectability to the Pakistan total with some big hitting in the final overs which fetched him 28 uns. Akram Reza and Abdul Qadir remained not out.

Meanwhile, Australian offspinner Tim May flew home from India today after injuring

hakar 9-1-26-1. Sharma 9-0-46-3 (w-

4), Amarnath 10-0-34-1 (ub-1), Ayub

M. Ameriath c Logie b Richards ... 23
M. Azbaroddin c and b Richards ... 18

R. Shastri c R. Haynes b Richards 20

Kapil Dev c D. Haynes b Richards .. 7

i. More Ibw b Richards

Extras (b-1 lb-7 mb-3 w-4)...

5-143 6-158 7-160 8-160 9-165.

C. Sharma not out...

A. Ayub b Richards

Total (41.4 overs)..

9-0-55-2 (w-1).

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West Indies. Scoreboard

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Rameez Raja c Jones b Lawson . Shahid Saced c and b Alderman ...... 6
Javed Miandad c Lawson b Border 34 Salim Melik e Boon b Alderman ... 15 Ejaz Ahmed e Boon b Alderman ... I Imran Khan e Healy b Hughes ...... 8 Wasing Alkrana ram out .... Akram Reza not out.... Abdai Qadir not out . Extras (b-2 lb-11 mb-5 w-3)...

Total (for eight wickets rers) Fall of wickets: 1-10 2-29 3-101 4-138 5-140 6-153 7-154 8-197

Did not bat: Wagar Younus
Bowling: Alderman 10-3-22-4,
Lawson 10-1-34-1, Haghes 9-1-29-1,
O'Donnell 10-1-38-0, Taylor 6-0-370, Border 5-0-32-1 AUSTRALIA

Marsh c Malik b Youros D. Jones lbw b Qadir......58
A. Border c Miandad b Isoran Khan 4 S. Wangh b Imran Khan....... S. O'Donnel lbw b Imran Khan

I. Healy c Ejaz b Shoaib M. Hughes liw b Qadir ...... J. Lawson b Qadir ...... T. Alderman liw b Wasia Extras (b-4 ib-11 w-9 ab-3). Total (43.2 overs) 139
Fall of wickets: 1-2 2-46 3-58 4-58 5-70 6-104 7-126 8-134 9-136

Bowling: Wasim Alcram 6.2-0-21-1, Youngs 7-2-27-1, Imran Khan 8-2-13-3, Alcram reza 10-0-26-0, Qadir 9-6-27-3, Shoaib 3-0-10-1 Result: Pakistan won by 66 runs.

#### **Hodges Bay** wins Canadian horse race

TORONTO, Oct 23, (Reuter): American entry Hodges Bay. with Jean Cruquet in the saddle, stuck his head in front at the wire to win the Canadian International horse race in a photo finish with Steady Power yester-

day.
"He did the whole thing himself. I just went along for the ride," Cruquet said of the winner who went off at 9-1. Canadian entry Charley

Barley was third, 1-1/4 lengths behind Canadian-owned Steady Power in an exciting three-horse

four-year-old gelding, won in two minutes 33-4/5 seconds, well off the track record of 2:28. Charley Barley appeared to

have the race won down the stretch of the gruelling 1-1/2 mile hauled in the final strides.



Sheikh Fahd (left) with Henry Emil.

# 10C member praises Kuwait

DR ZAINAL Abedin Abdul Qadeer, DR ZAINAL Accum Accum Accumentational Olympic Committee, yesterday praised the efforts being made by Kuwait to successfully host the Peace and Friendship Committee whether the open on Oct ship Games, scheduled to open on Oct

30.

Dr Zain arrived in Kuwait on Sunday at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the deputy chairman of the Higher Organising Committee. He was received at the airport by Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad, director general of the national teams and training committee, Abdul Latif Al Qalaf, manager of Sheikh Fahd's office, and Abdul Hameed Mohanamed, a member of the Higher Organis-

ing Comittee.

The IOC member described Kuwait's preparations for the event, which is being attended by 45 Islamic countries, as excellent.

Sheikh Fahd yesterday received at his office the assistant coach of the French national soccer team, Henry Emil, who is in Kuwait to finalise the programme for France's visit to Kuwait early next year. France is scheduled to make a truin-

ing camp in Kuwait for 10 days. The French team's visit will come during Kuwait's preparations for the Gulf Emil said all the top French players

would be part of the French team and he hoped that his team's visit would signal the start of a new and strong adship between the two countries. Emil also visit the press centre of the Games where he met the head of the centre, Faisal Al Qanai.

The Czechoslovakian Ambassador to Kuwait, Thomas Strakos, yesterday expressed his full support for the

ambassador after his meeting wilk Sheikh Fahd. Strakes also extended an invitation to Sheikh Fabil to attend a sports event in Czechoslovakia Over a quarter million sportsmemare: expected to attend that event. Sheikh Fahd said yesterday that Kuwait is ready to receive its guessi-from tomorrow. He added that the

teams were to start arrive from the 27th but some had decided to be in Kuwait from tomorrow.

Meanwhile Kuwait's teams con-

time to train for the champtonship.
The national handball team plays is third training game against a Yugoslav squad this evening at 5.00 pm. The match will be telecast live by Kuwait television.
Sheikl. Ahmad Fahd Al Ahmad, the deputy chairman of the handball.

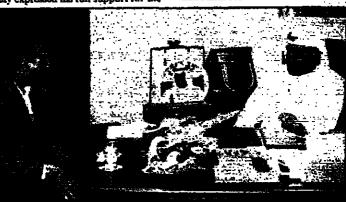
association, yesterday received at his office the manager of the Palesine handball team Dr Mazen Al Taher. The Pulestine team will be taking part in the Games and is holding its train-ing camp in Kuwait.

The head of the referees committee, Ghanem Ali Al Ghanem, announced

yesterday that some 175 referees sould be officiating assists sames during the championships. Il was also announced yesterday that various busketball teams would start arriving in Kuwait from Thurs-

day.

In a related development it was announced that Kuwait Radio would start the Peace and Friendship Voice. the sports programme for the Games, from Saturday. The programme will start everyday at 4.00 pm and end at 9.00 pm. The programme will contique until Nov 12.



Sheikh Ahmad (right) talks to Dr Mazen.

# England through to semifinals

without taking the field. With three wins in three matches already in the six-nation tournament, the defeats of India and Australia by

West Indies and Pakistan respectively today assured England of a place in the last four.

England manager Peter Lush, in Kanpur for England's

(qualifying) group and we'll be going flat out to win our last two mtches against India and West Indies."

The qualification of England, recovering from a recent NEW DELHI, Oct 23, (Reuter): England reached the semifinals of India's Nehru Cup cricket tournament today

with the performance of the younger members of the squad. "We've got a new and relatively inexperienced squad and the policy has been to work them hard," he said. next match on Wednesday against India, was understan-dably delighted with the results which left the five other

4-0 test series thrashing by Australia and the loss of several key players to a rebel team planning a tour of South Africa, was especially good news for beleaguered chairman of the selectors Ted Dexter on his arrival in Kanpur today.

Team manager Micky Stewart said he was also pleased

Pakistan once out of the two they have played.

#### Result: West Indies won by 20 runs Annacone wins

Fall of wickets 1-29 2-743-91 4-115

Bowling: Ambrose 7-1-19-0, Benjamin 7-0-31-0 (w-1 nb-2), Walsh 9-1-37-2 (nb-1), Marshall 9-0-40-1 (w-1), Richards 9-4-0-41-6 (w-2).

Man of the Match: Viv Richards

VIENNA, Oct 23, (Reuter): American Paul Annacone beat his doubles partner Kelly Evernden of New Zealand 6-7 (5-7) 6-4 6-1 2-6 6-3 to win the \$285,000 Vienna Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday, his first major win after four lean years.

Annacone and Evernden, both unseeded, battled for three and a half hours, with the American's powerful serve-andvolley game finally prevailing in

"I'm very happy with this

#### teams all tied on four points against England's 12. Games today. Edwards, a medal "Having won our first three games I thought we were almost certain to go through, but it's nice to have it Of the five other teams in the tournament, West Indies, hopeful in the event termed the Sri Lanka and World Cup one-day champions Australia a see-sawing final. confirmed," he said. "But it's still important for us to finish top of the have won only once in three matches and India and decision "a bit of a downer" and said win," said Annacone.

Crowd violence threatens Dutch

internationally, is in disarray at home after crowd violence took a sinister turn at the weekend.

Leading officials called for domestic fixtures to be suspended for six months after two home-made bombs were hurled into the crowd at Sunday's League game between Ajax Amsterdam and Feyenoord Rotterdam, injuring 14. Even the skills of experts like

Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard cannot disguise the off-field problems faced by the Dutch authorities. Police said yesterday they were holding two Fevenoord suppor-

ters suspected of having thrown the bombs into the packed 27,000-capacity stadium. Arrests for soccer hooliganism in the Netherlands have risen by about 30 per cent in the past year and exasperated politicians and sports figures said the violence

professional soccer. "Unless this problem is solved very quickly, it's over for professional football in the Netherlands," admitted pim Vermeulen, mayor of the Feyenoord district. Ajax were banned from

could spell the end of Dutch

European competition for a year after supporters threw iron bars on to the pitch during a UEFA Cup tie against Austria Vienna less than a month ago. The National Association of

Supporters' CLubs in England. disaster four years ago. the only country with a worse



An unidentified injured girl is carried away at the Ajax Amsterdam stadium after the bomb blasts. (Reuter wirephoto)

hooligan reputation than the Netherlands, called for all Dutch clubs to be excluded from European competition, the fate of English sides since the Heysel

In the circumstances, Ajax's 1-

I draw with Feyenoord was a near-irrelevance. PSV Eindhoven lost 1-0 to newlypromoted Vitesse on Saturday and were replaced on top by Roda Jc Kerkrade who drew 1-1 with lowly FC Groningen on In Italy, Diego Maradona and his Napoli side were again the star attractions after beating champions Internazionale 2-0 to banish bad memories of their goalless UEFA Cup draw against Wettingen in Switzeriand last week.

Maradona and Brazilian team mate Careca both scored late goals to leave Napoli the League's only unbeaten team.

To add insult to injury, Inter also lost their international goalkeeper Walter Zenga, replaced when he slipped and strained a leg muscle shortly before halftime. Juventus beat 11th-placed

Genoa 3-2 to join Sampdoria, their opponents next weekend, in joint third place. European champions AC Milan continued to draw inspiration from the fitagain Van Basten, who scored the only goal of the game against Roma in the 82nd minute.

Real Madrid stayed top of the Spanish League with their first away victory of the season, a 2-1 win against unfashionable local rivals Rayo Vallecano.

But British coach John Toshack, still disappointed by the side's 2-0 loss last week in the away leg of their European Cup second round tie against AC Milan, was highly critical of the lack of drive shown by some team members.

"I sweated more than some of the players," said Toshack, annoyed with his side's lack of finishing power.

soccer

Atletico Madrid dropped from third to fifth in the League with a shock 1-0 loss at home to Osasuna. Barcelona's 2-2 draw at Real Sociedad moved them up to sixth after a shaky start to the

French League leaders Bor-deaux demolished Marseille 3-0 to take a four-point advantage over their arch-rivals, but Bordeaux's Belgian trainer Raymond Goethals still thinks Marseille will retain the title at the end of the season.

"When you see the players who sit on their bench you have to worry," Goethals said. "My problem is that we are a long way from the end of the championship, and if Piet den Boer or Klaus Allofs are injured, I have nobody to replace them.' Marseille are third behind

hand. Their charismatic president Bernard Tapie spent the weekend denying he had been in contact with England captain Bryan Robson. Bayern Munich and Cologne blamed their surprise defeats in Saturday's West German programme on energy-sapping

Sochaux, but have a match in

Cup matches three days earlier. Bayern Munich lost 1-0 to new leaders Bayer Leverkusen, their first home defeat in the League in two years, while Cologne, tiring in the second half, were also defeated at home, 3-1 by Fortuna Duesseldorf.

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